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The Berlin correspondent of the "New York Daily News" reports that tension in Berlin is even more apparent than on the eve of the invasion of Norway and Denmark.

He states that the extraordinary delays in telephone contact between Holland and Germany are connected with reports that Holland and Belgium are destined to be the next scene of German action.

Reuter's Paris correspondent, however, states that Franco-Dutch telephones are working normally, while London telephone headquarters early this morning informed Reuter that telephone services from Amsterdam had been suspended since last night, but that calls could still be booked from London to Amsterdam.

Reuter's Brussels correspondent states that the Belgian-Dutch telephone services have been suspended until this morning at 8 a.m.—Reuter.

Soldiers Ordered To Return To Units

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.
All leave for the armed forces and workers in factories working on national defence has been cancelled, says an official communiqué.

Soldiers on leave must return immediately to their units.

Railway traffic for civilians is simultaneously reduced to allow military movements to take place.—Havas.

THE POPE AND PEACE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.
Reports that the Pope had communicated with Mr. Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal envoy to the Holy See, a peace plan for the Mediterranean are denied in authoritative quarters.

It is pointed out that while the Holy See has made every effort to maintain peace and prevent an extension of the war, it has not gone so far as to put forward concrete proposals.—Havas.

FRENCH SUBMARINE'S EXPLOIT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Seventeen men of the crew were decorated when the French submarine Orphee returned to its base yesterday.

The Orphee attacked two U-boats and sank one of them despite the presence of German planes.

Attacked from the air, the Orphee had to submerge thirteen times in one day.

The commanding officer remained in his turret for 72 consecutive hours seeing his ship through to safety.—Havas.

SOVIET ACCUSING FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

Accusations of breaking the peace terms are brought by Russia against Finland in the official newspaper "Pravda."

"Pravda" asserts the Finns have not complied with the peace treaty proviso by which all industrial plants in the ceded areas would be left in good running order.

Several important cellulose and wood pulp processing factories in the Viborg region were sabotaged and blown up after the conclusion of peace, alleges "Pravda."—Havas.

NAZIS SPREAD RUMOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Well-informed circles deny reports, believed to be part of the German propaganda, that anti-Italian pamphlets have been distributed in Yugoslavia.

Rumours that unusual troop movements have taken place in Spanish Morocco are also denied.—Havas.

SHANGHAI DOCKYARD STRIKE SETTLED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

The Shanghai dockyard strike ceased yesterday morning when Chinese dockhands returned to work. All workmen have returned unconditionally.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST—South-east winds, moderate; cloudy generally, showery.

BRITISH POLICY OF FIRMNESS IN MEDITERRANEAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

THE BRITISH ATTITUDE towards Italy and Russia is and will be inspired by the same spirit of conciliation but firmness is the essential task now facing the British Empire; political circles declare.

As regards Italy, Sir Percy Loraine, the Ambassador in Rome, has already been instructed, or will soon be instructed, to inform Mussolini that the British measures in the Mediterranean were not taken to threaten Italy but were dictated by the necessity of taking precautions against a possible German attempt to launch a new attack in south-eastern Europe and also by the hostile attitude of the Italian press.

The Ambassador will point out that Britain is ready to re-examine relations with Italy and re-open the trade talks if she gets sufficient guarantees that Italy will not facilitate contraband traffic to Germany.

As regards Russia, the answer to the last Russian Note will be sent shortly.

It will probably point out that Britain at present can contemplate only

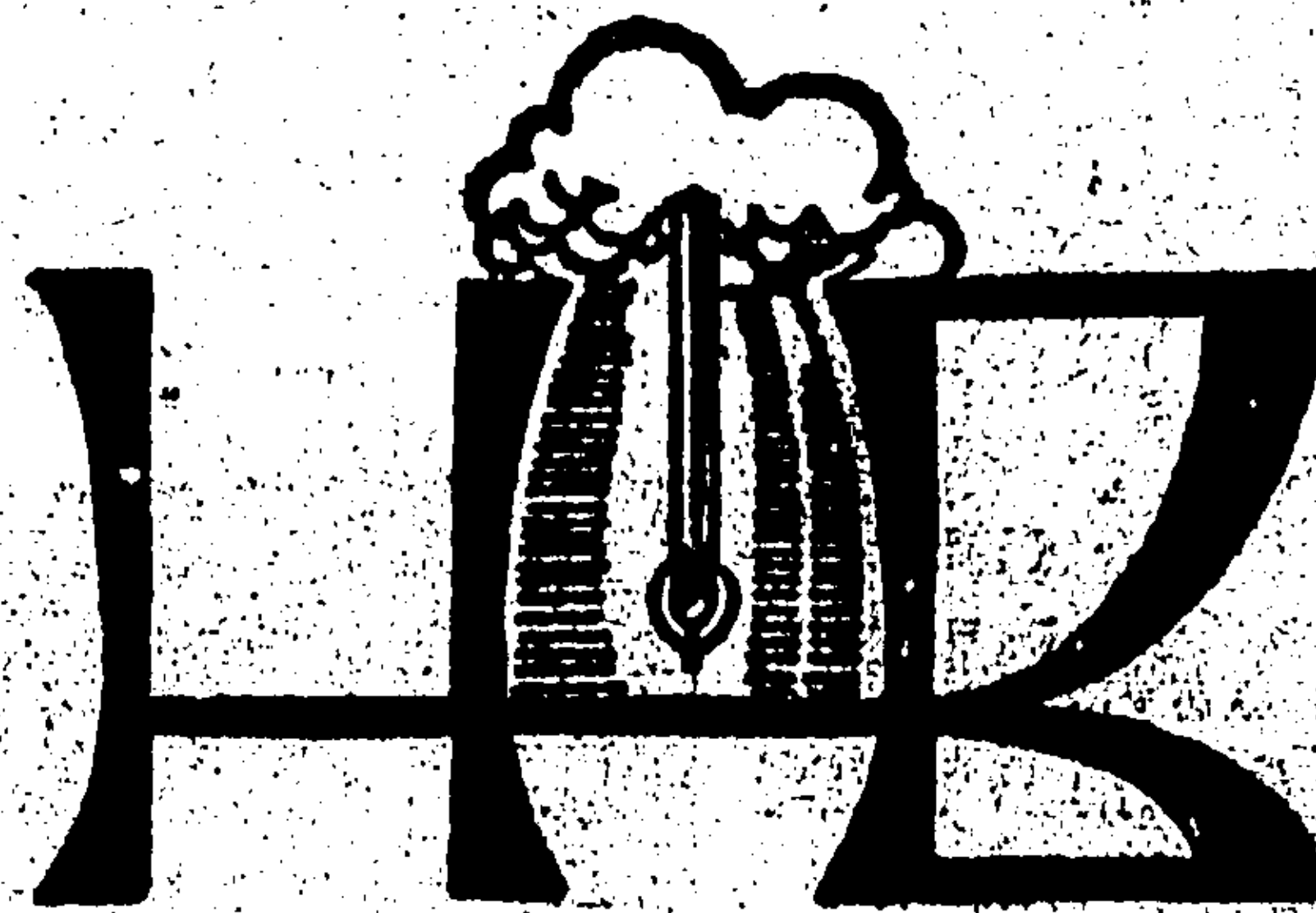
trade agreements which do not conflict with the blockade of German trade.

London's Caution

London is thus compelled to show caution towards Russia as the terms of the Russo-German trade agreement are still a secret.

An Anglo-Russian trade accord can (Continued on Page 20.)

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CHINA ASSOCIATION AND TIENTSIN INDIGNITIES

London, To-day.

"THE COMMITTEE ARE CONVINCED that reprisals in the form, to begin with, of denunciations of our commercial treaty with Japan, would be the most suitable method of putting a stop to the indignities to British subjects at Tientsin," said the Chairman, Mr. Warren Swire, at the annual meeting yesterday of the China Association.

Mr. Swire continued: "The China Association is somewhat disturbed by a report that an Anglo-Japanese agreement is in train under which part of the Chinese Silver hitherto in safe keeping in the British Concession will be employed to relieve distress caused by the floods and that part will be deposited in a neutral bank.

"Approval of this plan by the Chinese and American Governments is essential, as we are convinced that an agreement reached without their full approval will be deplored by the whole British community in China and also condemned by public opinion in this country.

"No-one would for a moment accept the view that the relief of distress in North China, caused largely by the Japanese, had no economic importance, or that expenditure of part of the silver on that object, and the immobilisation of the remainder, was without significance to the general Chinese currency position."

Mr. Swire said the promised re-opening of the Yangtze to Nanking, though better than nothing, would mean very little.

The Committee had continually pressed for a full and genuine re-opening to trade above Nanking.

"There is ample evidence of the access to the river allowed to Japanese traders."

Wang Regime

Referring to the Wang Ching-wei regime, Mr. Swire declared: "Creation of these puppet administrations has been interpreted throughout Free

GUN BATTLE IN DUBLIN

Dublin, To-day.

The Government last night offered a reward of £5,000 for information leading to the arrest of the gunmen who wounded two detectives who were carrying mails to the office of Sir John Maffey, the British representative. The shooting occurred in the centre of Dublin.—Reuter.

China as an acknowledgment by Japan that she can no longer hope to gain her ends on the Asiatic continent by her own military and naval power.

"American ability to impose an embargo on the export of war materials to Japan is a fact which the Japanese dare not ignore nor will they ignore it, provided meanwhile they find the British Government is impervious to bluff and is prepared to take reprisals."

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EUROPEAN'S RESIDENCE BURGLED

A burglar who early this morning visited the residence of Sanitary Inspector A. C. Sinton at No. 15, Gramplain Road, Kowloon City, left no clues.

The burglar succeeded in decamping with a ladies' handbag, a child's money box and a bunch of door keys, but left all silverware and other valuable articles untouched.

The burglar either concealed himself in the house during the night or entered the house by means of a duplicate key.

Master Sinton's money box was recently robbed by a young man who was later sentenced and was released from jail only three days ago, and it is believed the man repeated his visit.

CAUGHT WITH REVOLVER

Charged with possession of revolver and four rounds of ammunition, Yau Sum, 24, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning.

Det.-Sgt. W. G. Morrison, prosecuting, stated that at 9.30 a.m. on Monday accused was arrested in a tea-house in Argyle Street with the revolver, loaded with four rounds of ammunition, attached to his waist band.

There was no sign to show that accused had any intention of committing a felony or to believe his story that he was asked to bring the revolver to Hong Kong from his village by a friend, who wanted to sell it.

Before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen, Lam Choi, 22, charged with a similar offence in Tsun Wan, was remanded until to-morrow. Det.-Sgt. McPherson is in charge of the case.

TRAFFIC FATALITY

An aged woman, Tsang Fuk, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital yesterday, after she had been knocked down by a motor bus in Shanghai Street yesterday. She died shortly after admission.

IDEAL DIET FOR DIGESTIVE DISTURBANCES

The big problem with sufferers from gastritis or other digestive disturbances is how to avoid pain and discomfort when eating. The inflamed stomach walls are so sensitive that solid foods can not be retained. Even liquid foods are often vomited.

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HEROIN CASE SENTENCE

Raiding the first floor of No. 42, Queen's Road East, on March 4 last, Revenue Officers discovered 35,600 heroin pills on the premises.

Two Chinese women, Li Fung and To Chai, found on the premises, were sentenced to three and four years' hard labour, respectively, by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning for possession of the pills.

Second accused admitted a similar offence previously when she was fined \$300 three years ago.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, repr vented the Crown.

UNWHOLESOME PORK AT MARKET STALL

THE MASTER OF A CENTRAL MARKET STALL, NO. 136, WAS SUMMONED BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELDON, K.C., THIS MORNING, FOR TAKING INTO THE MARKET 104 POUNDS OF PORK UNFIT FOR FOOD.

Mr. J. Reidy, of the Urban Council, said he went to the Central Market at about 8.10 a.m. on April 10, and found a basket of pork, about 104 pounds, in nine pieces. There was red rash on the skin, and the flesh was dark and unwholesome, as from pigs which had died of disease. Defendant said he got it from U Long.

Defendant said he did not discover the pork was unwholesome, until a Sanitary man removed the cover of the basket at his stall.

He was fined \$150.

FIGHT STAGED FOR ROBBERY

Four persons, including a 13-year-old boy, were charged with stealing or aiding and abetting before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

Accused, Wong Yuk, 23, Tsoi Yuk-lun, 18, charged with stealing a gold watch, valued at \$144, and a fountain pen, and Li Kwok-pui, 18, and the boy, charged with aiding and abetting, were remanded for 24 hours.

Det.-Sgt. McPherson stated further charges would be preferred against them.

It was stated that accused, with another not arrested, started a fight with their victim and then stole the articles from him.

ANTI-OPIUM CAMPAIGN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Geneva, To-day.

The permanent anti-opium central committee met yesterday for its regular session.

Mr. Chatterjee, the Indian delegate, was elected chairman, and an American, Mr. Herbert May, vice-chairman.

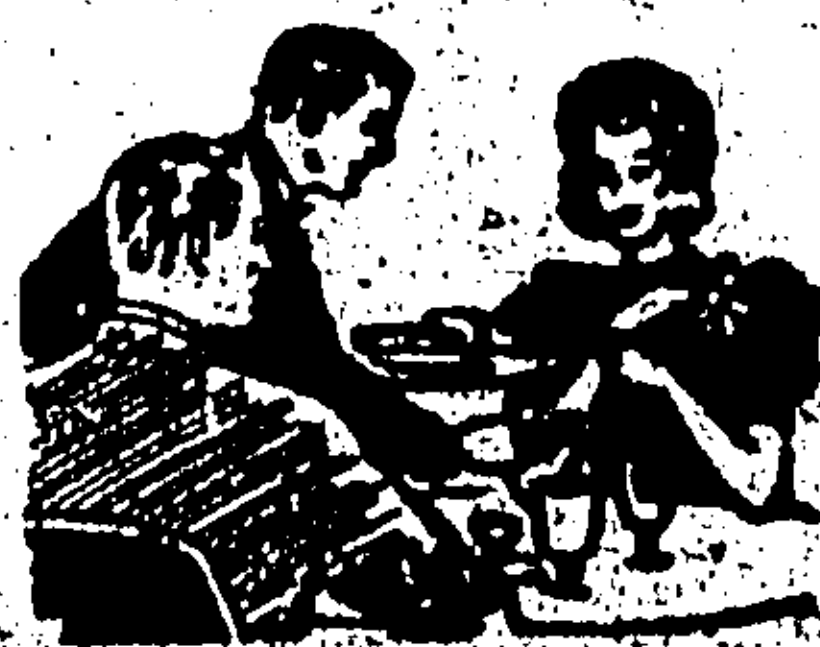
First session is being devoted to the study of trade statistics furnished to Geneva by various governments. — Havas.

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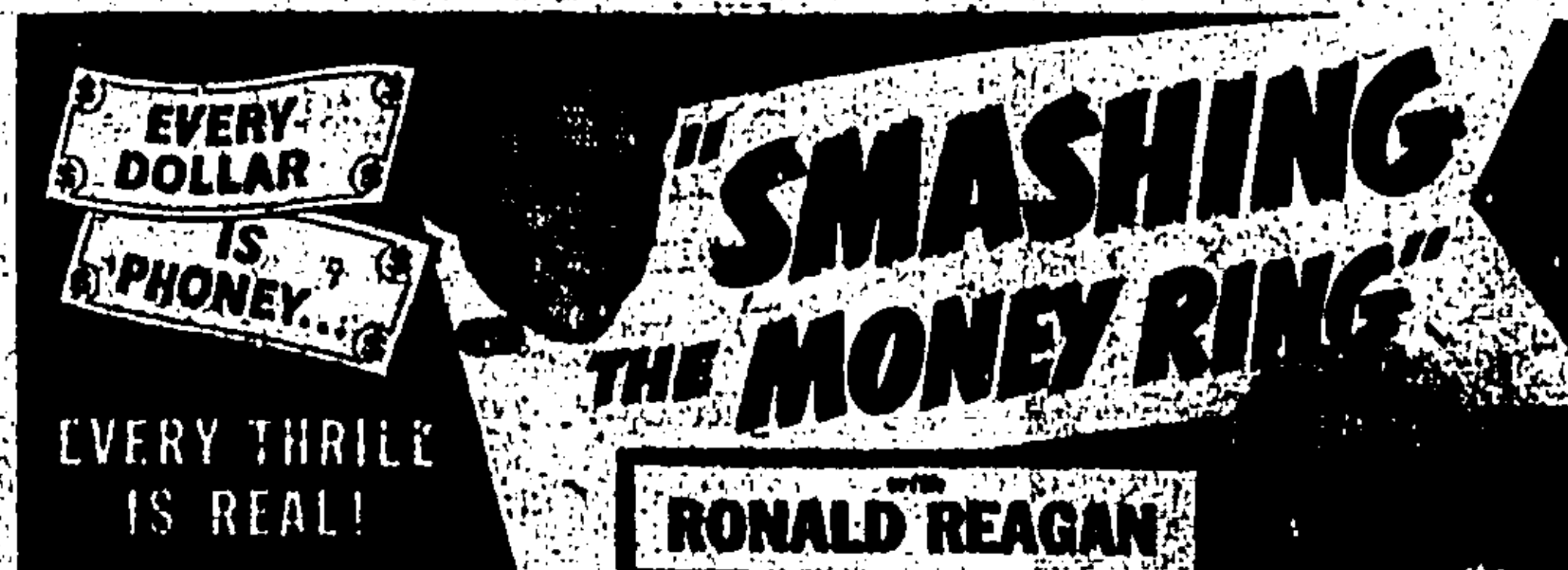
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NEW MEASURES FOR CONTROL OF SWEDISH WATERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.

NEW MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO CONTROL SWEDISH TERRITORIAL WATERS, NOTABLY OFF THE SOUTHERN COAST, WHERE AN EXTREMELY TENSE SITUATION MAY DEVELOP AT ANY MOMENT.

The constant possibility of incidents is created by the fact that German reinforcements are sent to Norway through the Kattegat, just outside Swedish waters.

German convoys pass under heavy aeroplane escort and the Kattegat is constantly patrolled by German mine-sweepers.

The vigilance of the Swedish air control is to be reinforced while every ship entering Swedish waters, even if it carries the Swedish flag, will be stopped and submitted to the strictest control.—Havas.

KWEICHOW FARMING EXPERIMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

The first returns regarding large scale agricultural experiments carried out in the last two years in Kweichow have been released here.

The Kweichow Agricultural Improvement Bureau runs three experimental farms which serve to demonstrate to the peasants modern methods.

First efforts of the Bureau bore upon persuading the peasants to plow in winter. As a result wheat and rye production doubled.

In the following year the campaign dealt with cotton cultivation. Seeds of the best American varieties were distributed and it is expected this year's harvest will be considerably increased.

Other experiments were made in corn and tobacco. Connecticut, Manila and Havana varieties were introduced in Kweichow.—Havas.

JAPAN'S RECORD NOTE ISSUE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

The Bank of Japan's note issue in April was the highest in history, totalling 3,266,000,000 yen, and breaking the record established last December. The size of the note issue becomes clearer when compared with last year.

At the beginning of 1939 the average monthly issue ran to about 400,000,000 yen above the corresponding period in 1938.

During the first four months of this year the average note issue has run from 800,000,000 to 1,000,000,000 yen above the corresponding months in 1939.—Havas.

TOUR OF JAPANESE ECONOMIC MISSION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Peiping, To-day.

The Japanese economic inspection mission has left for Tientsin, where it will stay two days and then proceed to Shanghai via Tsingtao. During the visit to central China the mission is scheduled to call on the "government" at Nanking in order to exchange views on economic problems.—Havas.

ISOLATION IN U.S. LOSING OUT

LONDON, TO-DAY.

COMMENTING ON AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "TIME TO FACE THE TRUTH," BY COLONEL FRANK KNOX, PROPRIETOR OF THE "CHICAGO DAILY NEWS," THE REPUBLICAN AND ISOLATIONIST JOURNAL, THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" SAYS:

"Eight months of war seemed to have awakened obstinate questions in the minds of some of the stoutest isolationists in America, who begin to realise that the issue of the conflict concerns the United States very vitally and that the defeat of the Allies and the triumph of Germany would present the United States with anxieties and dangers which mere isolationism would be powerless to dismiss."—Reuter.

BALANCE IN BALKANS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

"THE TIMES," IN A LEADER HEADED "CAMPAIGN OF LIES," STATES THE GERMANS ARE PARTICULARLY EXPERT AT TAKING SOME SINGLE FACT WHICH FORMS A SMALL PART OF THE TRUTH AND EXPANDING IT INTO A FANTASTIC TALE WHICH LOSES ALL RESEMBLANCE TO THE TRUTH.

Pointing out that Germany has done her best to create trouble in south-east Europe, the leader adds: "Despite the incitements, false accusations and wilful exaggeration of German agents, the Balkan leaders are preserving a sense of balance and they know that British and French and also Turkish policy is genuinely concerned to help them remain stable and keep aggressors at bay."—Reuter.

RUMANIA CLAMPS DOWN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.

Strict control of outgoing press telegrams has been instituted. Foreign pressmen were summoned yesterday to the Propaganda Ministry and informed by the Minister, M. Gluresco, that no message would be allowed to leave Rumania without the Ministry's stamp of approval.—Havas.

FRENCH CHASER WINS AIR DUEL

A duel between a French fighter plane and a twin-engined Nazi reconnaissance machine which ended in victory for the Frenchman was described by members of a French party who brought back and buried the bodies of the German crew.

A French official in an observation post heard the whinnying of planes high up and scanned the sky with his glasses.

Finally he located a machine—just a dark speck. Gradually the machine came lower, and he saw a French chaser plane on the tail of a Heinkel, cries-crossing back and forth like an angry bee.

By this time he could hear the rapid burst of shell fire of the French machine. The Heinkel was in trouble.

Just as it passed over the officer's head the Heinkel burst into flames, which shot back along the fuselage, leaving long, dark smudges.

The pilot managed to pull his plane up, skimmed a hill with one side a mass of flames, which spurted back off the tail. The rear gunner was hanging over the side of his cockpit.

The plane crashed in No Man's Land. Two members of the crew were burned to death.

NAZIS ORDER POLES PRAY FOR HITLER

Victims of Nazi horrors in Poland who, in spite of persecution, flock to Mass, have to say a special prayer for Hitler, according to the "Apologisches Blaetter," official organ of the Swiss Catholic Popular Association.

Thousands of Catholics have been shot and families torn apart in Germany's depopulation drive in Poland. An article based on documents from the Polish Archdioceses of Guesen and Posen and quoted by Reuter says:

"Districts with purely Polish population, such as Szubin and Ironoclaw, have been 'cleansed' of all non-Germans."

"The procedure was horrible. Thousands were shot, the remainder imprisoned and deported. Families are systematically torn apart."

"The aim is to break the morale of the subdued people. That is why marriages are forbidden. The fate of the deportees is indescribable."

NEW FRENCH MINISTER IN SOFIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Sofia, To-day.

M. Jules Bonnet, new French Minister to Bulgaria, yesterday handed his credentials to King Boris.

M. Bonnet said his main task would be to improve trade between the two countries. King Boris expressed satisfaction at the improvement in commercial relations.—Havas.



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LABOUR PARTY TO MEET

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GILT-EDGED ACTIVE ON STOCK MARKET

London, To-day.

Gilt-edged securities were the day's brightest feature on the Stock Exchange yesterday. Continued good investment buying, with the shortage of available stock, was responsible for further substantial gains. In other sections price movements were mostly narrowly irregular.

Wall Street was sluggish. — Reuter.

NEW ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET

London, To-day.

Lord Chatfield completes five years as an Admiral of the Fleet to-day.

Admiral Sir Charles Forbes has been promoted Admiral of the Fleet in succession to Lord Chatfield.

Vice-Admiral Sir Dudley North is promoted Admiral. — Reuter.

Full Gathering of Parliamentary Party

LONDON, TO-DAY.

REUTER'S LOBBY CORRESPONDENT SAYS THE LABOUR PARTY DECIDED TO TAKE NO ACTION LAST NIGHT IN REGARD TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The executive of the Parliamentary Labour Party will meet in the Commons at 10.30 this morning to consider the situation arising out of yesterday's debate, and there will be a full meeting of the parliamentary party at 11.30 at which the whole matter will be thoroughly surveyed.

Present reaction to Mr. Chamberlain's statement is that there will be no immediate political crisis.

The Labour Party is critical of the whole situation but things do not seem to have reached the point at which a strong body of Government supporters is asking for a change.

Many Government supporters thought the Prime Minister's speech disappointing, others described it as the speech of a tired man.

However, in the absence of unexpected developments, the great bulk of Government supporters will be found behind the Government in the event of a challenge being made in regard to the Government's competence to carry on the war.

Such a challenge is one of the possible outcomes of to-day's Labour opposition meeting. — Reuter.

ADMIRAL SIR ROGER KEYES JOINS THE CRITICS

London, To-day.

ADMIRAL SIR ROGER KEYES, who was in uniform, was loudly cheered in the House of Commons yesterday when he described the suggestion that the British Fleet had "run away" to Alexandria as "a damned insult." There was laughter in which Admiral Keyes joined.

Admiral Keyes declared it was not the fault of the Navy that German warships and transports were not followed into Norwegian ports and destroyed as they were at Narvik.

In his opinion, supported by authoritative Norwegian information, the naval hazards of an attack on Trondheim would have been trifling compared with those overcome in other operations which he had organised and led. (Cheers).

Since April 16 he had been urging the Admiralty to take more vigorous action in Norway and to let him take all the responsibility for organising and leading the attack.

He was told there was no difficulty in going into Trondheim Fjord but it was not considered necessary as the Army was making good progress and the situation in the Mediterranean made it undesirable to risk our ships.

Admiral Keyes suggested old ships might have been used the loss of which would not have affected the strength of the Fleet.

Searching Inquiry

Mr. L. M. S. Amery (Conservative) said the whole conduct of the war hitherto called for a searching enquiry. (Cheers).

"There are no loyalties to-day except that to the common cause." (Cheers from all parts of the House).

He did not feel there was one sentence in the Prime Minister's speech which suggested the Government foresaw what Germany meant to do, or that they came to a clear decision when they knew what Germany had done or that they had acted wisely or consistently throughout this lamentable affair.

"The Norwegian chapter doesn't stand alone. It is all of a piece with our hesitation and slowness in responding to Finland's appeal for resolute action in tackling all war problems."

"There is no doubt that during the past eight months the gap between the German forces and ours has widened. We cannot go on as we are; there must be a change." (Loud opposition cheers).

Next Blow

The next blow, he continued, might fall at any moment. It might be Holland, it might be the Mediterranean.

"We must have a supreme war directorate. We must have a proper War Cabinet similar to that of Mr. Lloyd George in the Great War."

"The time has come when the opposition must definitely take their share of responsibility and a real National Government formed." — Reuter.

OFF THE RECORD

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DURING HIS SPEECH IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY MR. CHAMBERLAIN REFERRED TO GIBES AT HIM FOR RECENTLY SAYING THAT HITLER HAD MISSED THE BUS.

Mr. Chamberlain pointed out he said this before the Germans entered Norway and it referred to Hitler not attacking the Allies at the beginning of the war, when he was ready and the Allies were not.

"While I have complete confidence in ultimate victory, the people of this country cannot yet realise the extent or imminence of the threat impending against us."

Referring to the operations in Norway, Mr. Chamberlain said: "I believe it was right to make the attempt and equally right to withdraw our troops when it was clear the plan would not succeed. (Cheers)."

Reasons Of Failure

"The failure was due to two facts. Firstly, our inability to secure aerodromes whence we could operate our fighters, and

"Secondly, the rapid arrival of German reinforcements.

"We always believed that if our troops could get ashore they would not suffer heavy casualties from the air and in fact that proved to be the case, but the absence of fighters enabled the enemy to attack communications and hinder reinforcements whilst his own land communications enabled him to bring up an ever increasing superiority of strength.

"It became clear that we could only maintain our forces in the Trondheim region by such a concentration of men, materials and aircraft as would have drawn off altogether an undue proportion of our total resources.

"We decided we could carry on the campaign in Norway elsewhere with greater vigour and effect, and thanks to the skill and courage of all the Services we withdrew successfully from the Trondheim area.

Hasty Opinions

"I have dealt with the principal criticisms and I am going to leave my honourable friends to fill in the details and answer technical questions, including the composition and equipment of our forces, but there are some general observations I desire to offer the House.

"First, I ask members not to form hasty opinions upon the results so far as it has gone. Quite obviously the Germans have made certain gains but it is equally clear they have paid a heavy price. (Cheers).

"It is too early to say on which side the balance will finally incline. The campaign is not yet finished.

"A large part of Norway is not in German hands, the Norwegian King and Government are still on Norwegian soil and they will rally round them the remainder of the Norwegian forces to carry on the fight against the invader in which we shall be at their side."

Patience

Referring to Dr. Koht's broadcast advice to Norwegians to be patient, Mr. Chamberlain said that was wise advice but "although we shall give all the help to Norway that we can and as soon as we can, we must not forget that there are other fronts which may at any moment blaze up into conflagration.

"Germany, with her vast well-equipped armies, is so placed that she can at any moment attack any one of a number of different points.

"We want to be ready to meet that attack wherever it may come. (Hear, hear). The more vital the point the

more important it is that we be ready."

Mr. Chamberlain proceeded: "A Minister who has shown any sign of confidence is always called complacent. If he fails to do so he is labelled defeatist.

"For my part I try to steer a middle course."

(A member shouted "You missed the bus").

Missing The Bus

Mr. Chamberlain continued: "Neither raising undue expectations (Cries of "Oh") which are unlikely to be fulfilled nor making people's flesh creep by painting pictures of unmitigated gloom.

"I believe many think when I said 'Hitler missed the bus' I was referring to his invasion of Norway. The speech in which that remark was made occurred on April 5, three days before the invasion. (Cheers and laughter).

"I had been saying that the advantages of the totalitarians lay in the fact they were prepared for war while we were only thinking of peace, and I observed it was extraordinary when the Germans were far superior in arms and equipment at the beginning of the campaign, that Hitler had not taken advantage of this to attack the Allies when the disparity was greatest. This evidently had no relation to the future but was merely a commentary on the past.

Useful Lessons

"While I think the implications of the Norwegian campaign have been seriously exaggerated and while I retain complete confidence in ultimate victory, I am bound to say I don't think people in this country yet realise the extent or imminence of the threat impending against us. (Loud prolonged cheers).

"If we are wise we shall learn many useful lessons from Norway.

"I am not going to say how our strategic plans for the future may be affected but the experience of Norway shows how swiftly the scene alters.

"Let us therefore beware of being tempted into such dispersal of our forces which may suit the enemy's purpose.

"Let us also beware of bickerings and divisions among ourselves. When we may presently be faced by war in its most violent form directed against this country, it is no time for quarrels among ourselves. (Cheers).

Hostages To Fortune

"It is rather a time for closing the ranks and setting the teeth, all endeavouring to put every ounce of strength and energy into arming our forces and into the effort which will help us win.

"In this debate we are giving hostages to fortune. Our military advisers have told us solemnly of the danger of holding such a discussion and urged us to try and have no debate at all.

"We could not accept that view. In a Democratic country there must be



A recent picture of the Prime Minister speaking at the luncheon given in his honour by the National Defence Public Interests Committee at the Dorchester Hotel. (Copyright, Fox).

criticism, and those criticised must be allowed to defend themselves.

"In this debate the four members of the Cabinet directly associated with the military conduct of the war will speak, and they will be fortunate if they give nothing away.

"All are aware that attempts have been made to separate them from one another and to suggest that one or the other is more responsible than his colleagues for this or that course of action. Such suggestions are as unworthy as they are untrue. (Cheers).

Cabinet Thoughts

"There is no division among us. None of us has attempted to intrigue against the other. We have only one thought and that is how to make our best contribution to the winning of the war.

"I am not unaware of suggestions—I might almost call them demands—which have been made in the House, and out of it, for a different kind of Cabinet.

"I am not speaking now of personal questions but of what might be called a constitutional form of Cabinet.

"Some of those who have had long experience, my colleagues Lord Hankey and Mr. Churchill, and myself are agreed that it wouldn't really save time or lead to quicker decisions if we had a Cabinet composed solely or mainly of members free from departmental work.

"It is impossible in taking decisions to ignore those who have to carry those decisions out. The Ministers who are to be responsible for the executive work must be there when decisions are taken and must express their views, and therefore whether they are inside or outside the Cabinet doesn't really make any difference. They will have to take their share in making those decisions.

Public Interest

"The fact that I have always felt unable to accept this particular suggestion doesn't mean that I am unwilling, from time to time, to make changes in the personnel or the functions of members of the Cabinet.

"I have not hesitated, for example, to go outside the political field in order to find new Ministers if I thought they would serve the public interest. Referring to the retirement of Lord Chatfield and to Mr. Churchill's succeeding him as chairman of the Mil-

tary Coordinating Committee of the Cabinet, Mr. Chamberlain said that Mr. Churchill had readily accepted the position, but, after he had had some experience of it, he suggested that in order to make his assistance to the Cabinet more effective, it would be a good thing to put him into closer contact with the Chiefs of Staffs.

Mr. Chamberlain said he thought the idea a good one and after discussing the question fully with the other Service Ministers, arrangements were made under which Mr. Churchill is authorised by the Cabinet, on behalf of the Military Coordination Committee, to give guidance and direction to the Chiefs of Staffs Committee, who have to prepare the plans to carry out the objectives given by them to him. The Chiefs of Staffs retain their collective responsibility to the Cabinet and to their Ministers, but Mr. Churchill will have special responsibility for the supervision of military operations day by day.

"We shall thus ensure," said the Prime Minister, "that every aspect of military policy is examined and that the policies when decided, are followed up with promptness and energy."

"L.G." Interposes

In reply to a question interjected by Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Chamberlain said: Mr. Churchill will retain his position as First Lord of the Admiralty but I am relying upon him to let me know if he finds the new task makes it difficult for him to fulfil his work at the Admiralty as well.

In reply to a further question, the Prime Minister said that Mr. Churchill did not assume his new powers before the Norwegian operations.

He added that for the purposes of his new duties, Mr. Churchill would have a small personal staff under a senior staff officer, Major-General H. L. Ismay, Secretary of the Committee of Imperial Defence, who has been appointed an additional member of the Chief of Staffs Command.

The Future

Mr. Chamberlain concluded: "Once again I want to urge members that we should be better to occupy ourselves increasing our war effort than in disputing about forms of government—in the production of material, in the production of planes (cheers), tanks, guns, munitions and all the countless articles of equipment that are required to fit out our weapons and make them useable.

"It is in the production of these things that we want organisation, energy and goodwill.

"As far as we are concerned in the Government, we are doing all we can to overtake the start which Germany had attained in her long years of preparation. We are getting to-day the wholehearted co-operation of employers and workers.

"I want also to get the co-operation of members of all Parties if not all the members of all Parties in the work which everyone recognises is the prime need of the day.

Invitation To Labour

"We don't set ourselves up to be faultless.

"We don't set ourselves above receiving help from those who are willing to help. (Government cheers). Let us then before fresh trials come upon us, put all our strength into this work of preparing for it, and we shall steadily increase our strength until we ourselves are able to deal our blows where and when we will." — Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure continues highest over the Pacific to the east of Japan and the Bonins; it is relatively low over China and Indo-China.

CABINET ATTACKED

Mr. Attlee Bitterly Critical Of "Old Brigade"

London, To-day.

MR. C. R. ATTLEE, LEADER of the Labour Opposition, began his speech in the Commons debate yesterday by paying a warm tribute to the fighting forces, including the French and Norwegians.

He expressed sympathy for the people of Norway and also expressed admiration for the skill with which the difficult evacuation operation was carried out; we had had experience of this in the last war and it was rendered far more difficult by the air arm.

"It is no use the Prime Minister telling us not to come to hasty conclusions; there are some very hasty conclusions in those speeches.

"The Prime Minister has asked us to suspend judgment. I think it is very difficult in the light of events to say that this campaign has been to our advantage, as the Premier said on Thursday.

"To-day the Prime Minister struck a different note—a good deal more of excuse than of explanation.

Duty To Nation

"No-one wants to give a handle to the enemy but we have a service and a duty to the nation to examine the events that have occurred. We have to face facts and we are not afraid to face facts.

"High hopes had been raised in the speeches of Ministers, in the press and on the wireless.

I think it extraordinarily ill-advised that people should have had their spirits raised by accounts which encouraged them to imagine everything was doing wonderfully well. I think there should have been more guidance.

"We are paying the penalty because after great expectations there is naturally disappointment.

"We realise we must bear in mind the requirements of the larger strategy but this was never intended to be a mere tip-and-run expedition.

Nazi Head Out

The general view was given that Germany had at last put its head out to be hit and that there was a chance here of the campaign opening out; hence there is widespread disappointment.

"It is said that in this war there has never been initiative from our side and no real planning in anticipation of possible strokes against us.

"The Government had the idea of blocking the Narvik route with mines. It must have been apparent that here was the greatest possibility of a hit back by Germany.

"The first question is, what provision was made for that contingency?

Cannot Understand

"The Prime Minister has said Germany planned this expedition with very great care over a long period. What care was exercised in the planning of the Allies for defeating that stroke if it should come?

"We were informed in March that we had a force of 100,000 men ready to go to Finland. We were assured that these troops were fully prepared.

"If they were fully prepared in every way we want to know what happened to them. If they were not, they may have escaped a serious disaster in Finland.

"What I cannot understand is the rapid dispersal of all these troops at the time when that was done.

"The Finnish war ended in March and the Government decided some time after that to lay mines off Norway on April 8. I should have thought that in the event of having that in mind they would have kept in being this force in case of a German counter-stroke."

Mr. Attlee said he gathered some of the troops were kept together. He wanted to know whether these troops were adequate and whether the neces-

sary equipment was there, the necessary aircraft and the ships necessary to take them.

"I have heard stories of young boys with very little training being sent. In a country like Norway, with the rigours of its climate, you don't want to send young boys but older experienced men.

We had experience at the Dardanelles of young lads being sent out in the great heat and they didn't last long; it was seasoned men who were wanted."

Where Was Secret Service

Referring to the Germans anticipating any action we might have taken in laying mines by invading Norway, Mr. Attlee asked what information had we through our Intelligence Service?

"We are told that we knew there were troops and ships practising disembarkation and that there were four or five different places to which they might go.

"I have no doubt that obtaining intelligence in Germany is very difficult but surely we have an Intelligence Service in Norway. It is unbelievable that in Norway and Denmark there could have been these elaborate preparations, which have gone on for so many months, without anything being known of them."

Matter Of Bases

"I have been told that detailed plans for the seizure of Norway by the German General Staff had been known to us for many years. I want to know whether we were working out what could be done to counter those plans.

"The question which strikes me immediately is the vital matter of bases. The first condition should have been that bases should be reasonably safe from air and water attack.

"Surely the time factor was all important. The Germans landed only a few troops at selected places but if they were given time it is clear they could bring up reinforcements which would make a landing very difficult."

The vital thing was to obtain an air base. This was a risky operation but risks had to be taken.

"I want to know whether the Government had a settled plan, or whether they acted hurriedly.

"Narvik is really a secondary Stavanger or Trondheim.

"It doesn't seem the Government realised the importance of the air weapon until after the event.

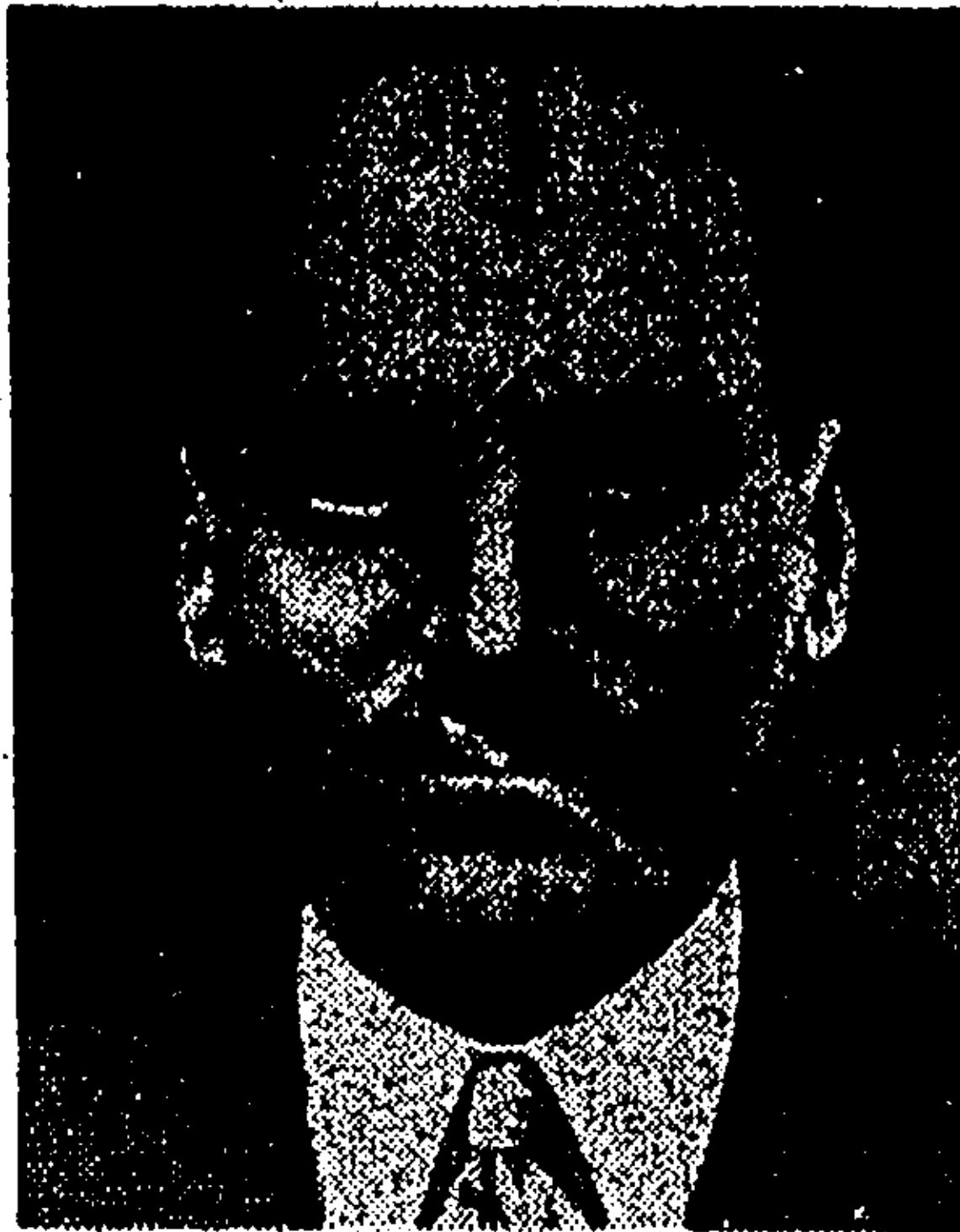
Lessons Of Finland

"I was disturbed by what the Prime Minister has said. Despite the lessons of Poland and Finland they don't seem to have realised the vital importance of protection from the air. Unless you could secure that, evacuation was certain.

"I ask whether the action was taken in time. The Germans landed at Trondheim and it was 10 days before we landed at Namsos and Aandanes.

"The question is, how far had the Government gone in making plans.

"The campaign in southern Norway has been a failure. It is no good suggesting you can start again and come down from Narvik; this is a terribly difficult business."



MR. ATTLEE

Nazi Reinforcements

There was also the stopping of reinforcements. We could not have reinforcements from the air but we had certainly got a more optimistic note of what the Fleet could do from Mr. Churchill.

In considering the inception of the expedition, one of the vital factors was how far you could be successful in preventing reinforcements.

There was not adequate intelligence and there was not the necessary concentration on essential objectives.

"I am asking whether at any time there was not delay and discussion when action was necessary.

"I am not by any means satisfied, despite all that the Prime Minister has said, that the present War Cabinet is an efficient instrument for conducting the war. (Hear, hear).

"It has been criticised in this House over and over again; it has been criticised by men of wide experience in the press and on the platform; it is wrong in principle and could only be justified by success, and it has not had that success."

Mr. Attlee declared frankly: "I don't think it fair to put Mr. Churchill in the position of presiding at the Admiralty and being Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff. It is not fair that the man in charge of major strategy should be also in command of a particular unit.

"Mr. Churchill has very great difficulties and it is not fair to put him in an impossible position.

Winning The War

"Our friends have been disheartened. We have had a reverse but we have had reverses before and none of us is in the slightest degree shaken in his faith that we are going to win the war. (Cheers).

"When we have reverses the essential thing is that we should learn from them. (Cheers).

"I have no doubt whatever of the courage and constancy of all the people of this country provided they are sure they are getting the right leadership. (Opposition cheers).

"The Government would be blind and deaf if they don't realise that there is widespread anxiety in the minds of the people of this country—people of all kinds of views and all kinds of thought—that they are not satisfied that the war is being waged with sufficient energy, intensity, drive and resolution. (Hear, hear).

"It is not Norway alone. Norway comes as the culmination of many other discontents.

"People are saying that those mainly responsible for the conduct of affairs have had an almost uninterrupted career of failure. (Opposition cheers).

"Norway, Czecho-Slovakia, Poland—everywhere the story is 'too late'."

"The Prime Minister talks about missing buses. The Government has missed a number of buses since 1931; they have missed all the peace buses and caught the war bus."

Wrong Judgments

"People find these men consistently wrong in their judgments. The same people who thought Hitler wouldn't attack Czecho-Slovakia, who thought Hitler could be appeased, seemed not to have realised that Hitler would attack Norway.

"There seems everywhere a failure to grip the drive, not only in the field of defence and foreign policy but in England too.

"We are not organising the country's resources. We have had eight months in which these things ought to have been done. We are not getting the organisation of food or manpower in the absence of effective leadership, and this is having a repercussion on the national morale.

Devotion To Colleagues

"A leading article in 'The Times' says the Prime Minister's weakness has been his devotion to his colleagues, who are either failures or are in need of a rest.

"In a life and death struggle we cannot afford to have our destinies in the hands of failures or people needing a rest. (Opposition cheers).

"I am not sure of the Prime Minister's weakness. I think it is the particular weakness of members of the Government benches." Concluding, Mr. Attlee said members of the Government benches had seen failure after failure only shifted along those benches.

They had been content week after week with Ministers whom they knew to be failures. They had allowed loyalty to the Chief Whip to overcome their loyalty to the real needs of the country. (Opposition cheers).

"The House of Commons must take its full responsibility. There is a widespread feeling in the country not that we shall lose this war—we shall win this war—but that to win this war we want different people at the helm from those who led us into it." (Cheers).—Reuter.

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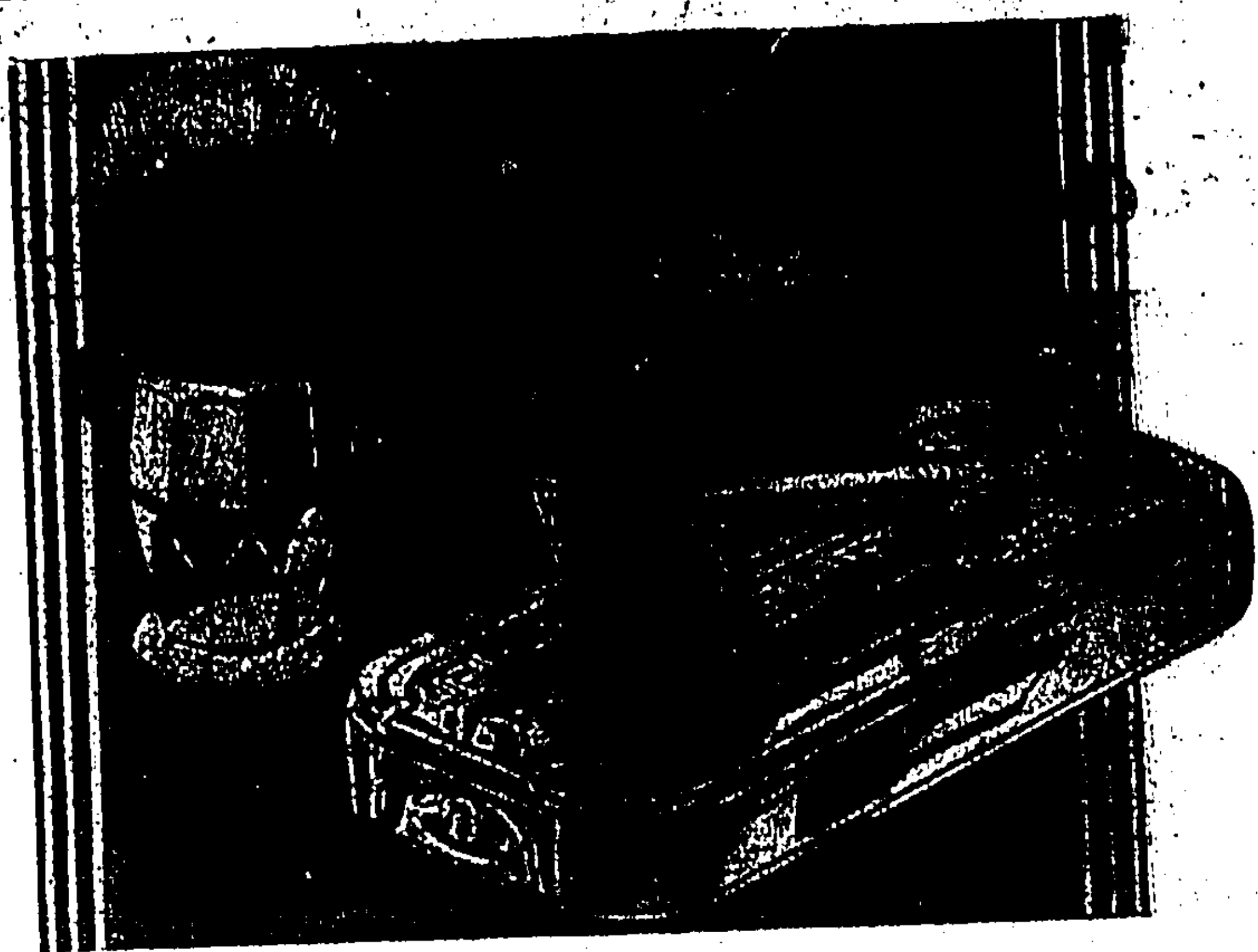
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THE COMMONS DEBATE

SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR CALLS FOR NEW VIGOUR

London, To-day.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Leader of the Liberals, after associating himself with the tributes to the courage and will of the Allied fighting forces in Norway, said in the Commons debate he was not surprised the Chiefs of Staff had felt some anxiety about what might be said in the course of the debate.

He was sorry, however, that Mr. Chamberlain had mentioned the matter because their debates must be absolutely free and there must be no suggestion at all, either from outside, from military officers or from any other direction, of hints or advice as to how they were being conducted.

"I am not at all sure that if we wished to indulge in a 'tu quoque,' which is the last thing in which I desire to indulge, we might not say it would be a good thing if Ministers themselves would keep in their own hands contacts with the Press, and that it would be better if all contacts with the Press were carried out by Ministers and if statements made on behalf of the Government were made by Ministers and not by professional Staff officers.

"I don't wish to criticise, any more than Mr. Attlee criticised, the Government decision to evacuate Norway when they were advised by the Chiefs of Staff that it was impossible to carry to a successful conclusion the operations for the capture of Trondheim.

"It seems to me that in those circumstances the Government was abundantly right to act on the advice of their military advisers.

Why?

"Our criticism and examination might be directed to the question why we ever got ourselves into a position in which we had to accept defeat in Norway.

"It is, however, not a major military disaster. Nothing has happened to shake our confidence in the courage and efficiency of our fighting forces and to weaken our resolve to win the war, but something has happened which does suggest that more foresight and energy and a more ruthless will to victory is required in the supervising of our war efforts.

"But if the military consequences of our defeat in Norway are not comparable to those suffered in the last war, they are sufficiently unpleasant.

"I shan't exaggerate but we must face facts and not dig our heads into the sand.

"The casualties were not negligible. The loss of material was not negligible either. We lost numbers of certain weapons and warships of which our prospective supply for some time ahead is insufficient for our needs.

Economic Aspect

"The other consequences, however, are much more serious. The Prime Minister did not touch on the economic aspect of them.

"We have lost all our supplies from Norway, Denmark and Sweden and all the Baltic countries. The Baltic is sealed to us.

"We must not forget the 570,000 tons of iron ore which we imported from Narvik and which is in the meantime—and must, I am afraid, for some time to come—cut off.

"Let us be clear that when we do take Narvik we shall find the Germans have destroyed everything of value in that place.

"Diplomatically, our position is weakened in every country in the world.

Only Results Count

"The complacent and ill-founded boasts of Ministers contrasts fully with the hard swift blows of the German forces, for in war it is only results which count.

"Another serious loss we have suffered is the blow to the credit of our press and the B.B.C.

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"The Prime Minister blames the Stockholm reports for their rosy colour. I agree that the Stockholm reports were the worst sources of misleading news to the public but bitter complaints have been made to me by British journalists, by representatives of Empire newspapers and by foreign journalists about the misleading character of some of the official communiques.

"The idea was given that the landing of troops was a tremendous achievement and there was a general air of optimism generated that all was going well.

"This gave these pressmen a misleading idea of the true situation.

"The root cause is that our war effort is not being sustained and thrust forward with ruthless war-minded energy in every Government department and in every field of policy."

Ruthlessness Wanted

Sir Archibald Sinclair claimed that the British forces ought to have been ready and practising, as the Germans were practising, for the Norwegian operations.

"Now that the Germans are secure in Trondheim, Britain's best gateway into Sweden is closed.

"If the occupation of Trondheim was not feasible this Norwegian expedition ought never to have been undertaken. If it was feasible the operation then ought to have been undertaken with ruthless determination.

"The Germans may have sacrificed a third of their fleet. That fleet helped to win a campaign, which is more than the Kaiser's fleet ever succeeded in doing.

"The Prime Minister has condemned the Germans for their disregard of life in bringing reinforcements. A wise general doesn't throw away the lives of his troops without regard to the objects to be achieved, but 10,000 must surely be an exaggerated estimate of German losses in the Skagerrak, and it is not a great sacrifice to pay for a victorious modern battle, let alone a campaign.

While We Hesitated

"The Germans pushed resolutely through Oslo while we hesitated outside Trondheim.

Sir Archibald Sinclair supported Mr. Attlee's contention that seasoned troops and not Territorials should have been sent to Norway, and severely criticised the Government for not supplying white coats and snowshoes to the men.

They had an unsuitable type of mounting, they had no trained men to work the guns and no range tables, and they were utterly useless. One transport had no chronometer or barometer or International Code book. It had no arms, not even a rifle, and the food on board was for less than half the men. She carried a small party of wounded soldiers but there was no medical attention.

Replying to an interjection by Mr. Churchill, Sir Archibald said he would inform the First Lord of the name of the ship privately. He hoped no-one would suffer because of having communicated this information.

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Holland Cancels All Defence Force Leave

IMMINENCE OF GIGANTIC EVENTS

HALIFAX AS NEXT PREMIER?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The name of Lord Halifax was pronounced yesterday, in competent circles, as the possible successor to Mr. Neville Chamberlain if there should be any change in the Cabinet.

Lord Halifax is extremely popular and was spared the attacks launched in the House of Commons against the present Cabinet. Several influential peers, including Lord Salisbury, would welcome a Halifax succession to the Premiership.

Stress is laid on the fact that his scrupulous integrity will entail him to defend the present Government's policy with even more conscience since he thinks any change in the Cabinet might result in his becoming the Premier.

Even if no vote takes place during to-day's debate, the debate in the House of Lords will give very important indications of the political developments now that public opinion wishes the war to enter a new phase.—Havas.

TOKYO BANS TOURISM BY JAPANESE

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The Cabinet has banned general trips to China as from May 20.

Prior to the Cabinet's decision, Mr. Arita, the Foreign Minister, and General Kuniaki Koiso, the Minister for Overseas Affairs, explained that Japanese tourists spend about 100,000,000 yen in China every year.

Since the beginning of the China "Incident" in 1937, according to official figures, Japanese tourists who visited China totalled 582,000 averaging 200,000 a year.

To-day's ban is expected to reduce their number to about 2,000. Japanese residents in China now total 345,732, compared with some 28,000 in 1937.—

SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR CALLS FOR NEW VIGOUR

Sweden's Fate

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Concluding, Sir Archibald dealt with Sweden and said that an ultimatum to Sweden in the next week or two would not be surprising.

Now that Sweden was surrounded, Sir Archibald asked whether Britain could help her to resist invasion from Germany.

"Time is not always on our side. Hitler has taken the old man by the beard on this occasion. We must show equal swiftness and vigour in action if we are to win the war."—Reuter.

THE HAGUE, TO-DAY.
THE IMMINENCE OF GIGANTIC EVENTS, WHICH MAY TAKE THE FORM OF AN INVASION OF ONE OF GERMANY'S NEIGHBOURS, OR OF MASS AIR RAIDS ON THE BRITISH ISLES, IS BELIEVED TO EXPLAIN AN ORDER ISSUED IN HOLLAND TO-DAY, CANCELLING ALL ARMY AND NAVY LEAVE.

Nothing is known definitely of the reasons which promoted the decision of the Netherlands High Command.

While fears of a new Nazi coup have increased during the past few days, the announcement took the Dutch people by surprise since they had believed that the threat was directed towards South-East Europe and that the danger to the Low Countries had somewhat receded.

It is understood that although anxiety had been felt on several occasions in the past, a more than usually serious view is now taken in Holland of the gravities of the present situation.

Yesterday's German newspapers speak in huge headlines of the imminence of new events.

Great Decisions

The "Hamburger Fremdenblatt," for instance, says: "Great decisions are in sight" and the intensification of German propaganda seems clearly to indicate that the Germans are planning fresh action to "forestall" the Allies.

While tension thus grows in all countries surrounding Germany, the Nazi Press seemed to hint last night at the possibility of air raids on the shipyards of Great Britain, perhaps with the deliberate intention of making British flesh creep.

The Inspector-General of Navigation has announced that the mouths of the Rivers Meuse and Rhine will be closed to shipping from May 11 to May 13.—Reuter.

All-Embracing Order

The Hague, To-day.

All leave for the Dutch Army and Navy has been stopped. The order also applies to workers in war industries and anti-aircraft battery and searchlight crews.—Reuter.

Necessary Precaution

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Hague, To-day.

Announcing the cancellation of army and navy leave, the Dutch News Agency says that this is a necessary precaution in view of the uncertain international situation. There is no official comment.—Havas.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Peiping, To-day.

A bullet was successfully removed yesterday from the cheekbone of Fang Tsung-au, acting director of the education administration in the North China political council.

Fang was shot outside the city last Friday.

Following the shooting police searched pedestrians at the city gates; about 100 were arrested as suspects but none have been actually charged.—Havas.

TENSION ON HUNGARIAN FRONTIER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

TENSION ROSE HIGH YESTERDAY BETWEEN HUNGARY AND SLOVAKIA, NOW UNDER GERMAN PROTECTION, WHEN GERMAN TROOP CONCENTRATIONS WERE REPORTED ALONG THE HUNGARIAN FRONTIER.

A move from the Reich towards Hungary would be a manoeuvre forcing Italy into the European conflict since Italy has often stressed her interests in the Balkans, chiefly Hungary.

German invasion of Hungary has been carefully prepared through the action of the Hlinka guards from Slovakia. They received orders from the German authorities to organise anti-Hungarian activities and to raise public opinion against their neighbours who took the opportunity to march into Slovakia when Czechoslovakia was first split in March 1939.—Havas.

GOEBBELS' LATEST

London, To-day.

The German propaganda press yesterday received instructions to print a ridiculous story about a telephone conversation said to have been held between Mr. Chamberlain and M. Reynaud.

M. Reynaud is supposed to have said:—

"M. Weygand (presumably General Weygand is meant) promises to be quite ready for the operation on May 15."

Mr. Chamberlain is supposed to have been not satisfied with this and to have said that he must know everything for certain not later than May 20.

The Nazi press had to swallow this tall story and one bright paper uses it under the heading: — "Achtung! To whom it may concern: The deadline is May 20."

It is perhaps hardly necessary to add that official quarters in both London and Paris describe this story as untrue and "fantastic." — Reuter.

MINISTER APPOINTED TO ICELAND

London, To-day.

Following Iceland's desire to establish direct diplomatic representation with Britain, the King has appointed Mr. Charles Howard Smith, recently Minister in Copenhagen, to be Minister at Reykjavik. — Reuter.



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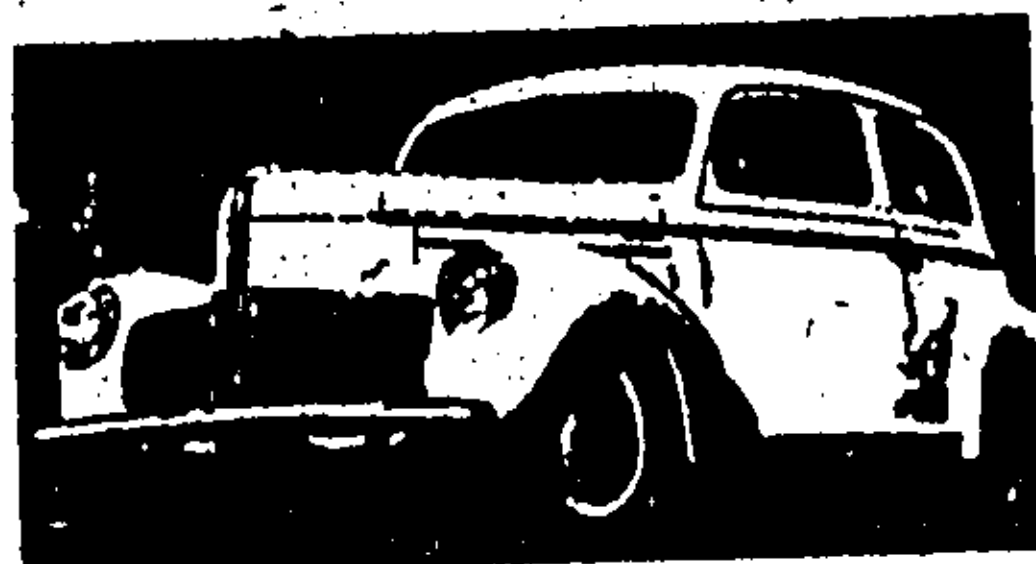
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GERMAN TRADE TALKS IN BELGRADE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Belgrade, To-day.

The Yugo-Slav-German permanent economic committee met yesterday at the Foreign Ministry.

Commenting on the meeting the press stresses there will be no changes in Yugo-Slavia's economic relations with other powers since Yugo-Slavia adopted the principle of economic neutrality at the outbreak of war.—Havas.

Special Mission

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Belgrade, To-day.

A German delegation headed by Dr. Landfried, State Secretary in the Economic Ministry, arrived here yesterday. The delegation will conduct economic negotiations with Yugo-Slavia.—Havas.

GERMAN AIR LOSSES

London, To-day.

German air losses during the Norwegian campaign to date are estimated in London at "200 or more." British losses during the same period were about a fifth of this, or less than 40.

Most of the damage was done by R.A.F. bombing raids on air bases in Norway and Denmark.

About 30 of the 200 were brought down by the Fleet Air Arm and anti-aircraft guns.—Reuter.

SHOOTING DOWN OF ITALIAN PLANES DENIED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Belgrade, To-day.

The Yugo-Slavian authorities deny the report appearing in the London "Evening Standard" from its Belgrade correspondent stating that Yugo-Slavian anti-aircraft guns had shot down two Italian planes near the Albanian frontier.—Havas.

M. MARCEL BAUDEZ LEAVES SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Shanghai, To-day.

The French Consul-General, M. Marcel Baudiez, left this morning for France on leave following medical treatment.

M. Baudiez, who was given a warm farewell by prominent French and foreign personalities, has been administrator of the French Concession since 1935 and has won unanimous approval and admiration for his handling of public affairs in often extremely difficult circumstances.—Havas.

VISIT TO FRENCH WAR INDUSTRY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Paris, To-day.

A group of British journalists specialising in economic and war industry questions was received by M. Raoul Dautry, Minister of Armaments, yesterday. The journalists will visit war industry plants in the Paris and other regions.—Havas.

SANG TAI BLASTING SUMMONS

THE MANAGER OF THE SANG TAI BUILDING CONTRACTOR, WAS SUMMONED BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELTON, K.C., THIS MORNING, FOR REMOVING STONE FROM CROWN LAND WITHOUT A PERMIT.

Mr. M. W. Lo pleaded guilty for the defendant.

Mr. W. E. Hollands, of the P.W.D., said defendant's workmen were seen blasting stone in Tytam Tuk Road without a permit.

Mr. Lo said the fault was that of a foreman. Sang Tai, said Mr. Lo, had a contract with the War Department to build concrete shelters around that area, and had permission to use stone in the vicinity. One of the foremen found some stone in a site just below a nullah, and without informing his employers, took a small quantity of stone valued at about \$20. It did not effect the Crown Land at all.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

BAZAAR IN AID OF SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Sir, I am told that there is confusion in the minds of some people concerning the exact time of the opening of this bazaar.

As I am responsible for publishing in the Christ Church notices and in the Christ Church Monthly Notes two different times, both of which are wrong, I should be grateful if you would allow me to apologise for having misled anybody who has read either announcement.

The Bazaar will be opened by Lady Noble at half-past three. The demonstration by the children will be given at half-past four. I hope that this correction will be sufficient to prevent would-be patrons of the Bazaar from being disappointed.

SHIPPING PROBLEMS OF JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

The central council for overland and sea transportation held its inaugural meeting yesterday and discussed the most economic utilisation of shipping bottoms.

Uniform and reasonable freight rates for all member firms will be fixed by the central council which will also facilitate arrangements between different ports.—Havas.

EUROPEAN LADY'S LOSS FROM CAR

Before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, Chong Kai-shan, 19, unemployed, was remanded when charged with stealing a rattan basket from a car owned by Mrs. Churchill of No. 62, McDonnell Road. The car was parked outside No. 6, Conduit Road yesterday.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



THE CHINA MAIL, MAY 8, 1940.

FIAT AIRCRAFT FACTORY IN JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.
The Fiat Aircraft Company is to establish shortly a 30,000,000 yen factory in Kyoto.

The new firm's capital is being furnished wholly by the Kanegafuchi Spinning Company while Fiat offers technical facilities. The factory will be located on a site of 2,800,000 square metres adjacent to the Kyoto Aviation Bureau aerodrome.

Chief Engineer Iwazaki of the Kanegafuchi Company is now in Italy negotiating details of the agreement. It is not stated whether the factory will specialise in commercial or military planes.—Havas.

'PURE' NAZI FICTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.
An official communique, dealing with the German press story of the alleged Chamberlain-Reynaud telephone conversation about Allied action in the Mediterranean, says that this conversation is said to have taken place between 10.10 p.m. and 10.25 p.m. on April 30 last.

"This allegation is pure fiction from beginning to end," continues the communique. "This 'telephone conversation' never took place."—Havas.

SAME OLD TECHNIQUE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.
In accordance with approved Nazi propaganda technique, the official German "news" agency is "amused" at the large number of British tourists which, it says, is now to be found in Rumanian ports, the Danube area and even in the north of the country.

It appears that they are commercial travellers. The agency waxes sarcastic at the daily increase in "accredited British journalists at Belgrade."—Havas.

YUGOSLAV-ITALIAN TRADE TALKS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BELGRADE, TO-DAY.
YUGO-SLAV TRADE TALKS WITH ITALY ARE TO OPEN IN BELGRADE SHORTLY, THE PRESS REPORTS.

Economic circles believe Yugoslavia will try to obtain from Italy currency payments for Yugo-Slav exports instead of the compensation system now in force.

Experience has proved compensation cannot work as Yugo-Slav exports of agricultural products to Italy are not compensated by Yugo-Slavia's demand for Italian manufactured goods.—Havas.

MORE QUEER NAZI PROPAGANDA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Belgrade, To-day.
According to a Nazi propaganda story, at a performance of the touring Comedie Francaise company at Lyublyana, in north-west Yugoslavia, pamphlets were distributed asking France for help in "delivering Trieste" from the Italian yoke.

Enquiries at Lyublyana have shown that nothing is known about this there. The alleged performance of the Comedie Francaise did not take place!—Havas.

DEATH OF GEORGE LANSBURY

London, To-day.

The death has occurred of Mr. George Lansbury, revered Labour leader, at the age of 81.—Reuter.

Born on February 21, 1859, Mr. Lansbury had been Labour member of parliament for the Bow and Bromley Division of Poplar since 1922. He was the son of George Lansbury of Oxford, railway sub-contractor, and was at one time editor of the "Daily Herald."

In 1880, he married the late Elizabeth Jane Brine who died in 1933.

He leaves two sons and six daughters.

Educated in elementary day schools, he went to Australia in 1884 returning a year later to enter the business of his father-in-law.

He had been an active radical since boyhood and became a convinced Socialist in 1890.

He was First Commissioner of Works between 1929-31; Leader of the Labour Party between 1931-35; had been Borough Councillor in Bow since 1903; Mayor of Poplar in 1919-20 and 1936-37.

He was twice sent to prison for his political activities.

His publications included "Your Part in Poverty," "What I Saw in Russia," "These Things Shall Be," "The Miracle Of Fleet Street," "My Life," "My England," "Looking Backwards—and Forwards," "My Quest For Peace," and he was the author of many pamphlets on Poor Law Unemployment and Socialism.

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"DAMN POOR SHOTS, THESE JERRIES"

SCOTTIE TELLS OF ADVENTURES IN NORWAY

London, To-day.

"THEY ARE DAMN POOR SHOTS, these Jerries . . . they are not the same Germans as in the last war," said a Sapper, a Scotsman, who was a member of the expeditionary force to Norway and who landed in Britain on Monday, in a broadcast from Daventry.

They landed at Aandsnes on a quiet, moonlit night, he began, and the next morning went to Dombaas by train. "Jerry" bombed the whole railway and set all the wagons on fire. They went on to Otta, "a nice wee village" some 30 or 40 miles down the Gudbrands Valley.

Then, getting into the civilian lorries, the Sappers went up to the front line to make craters in the road and thus hold up German tanks. Part of the section was then put into the front line.

"Some were a bit shaky at first, but I, as an old soldier, bucked them up a bit until we were all ready to bayonet Jerry if he came over the top," he went on.

They were behind a wall and the only way the Germans could get at them was to bomb them. The Germans, however, stayed away and fired at them from a distance with machine-guns. If they had come in, they would have wiped the whole party out that day.

But they were poor shots and contented themselves with setting the village and surrounding woods on fire.

BLOWING UP BRIDGES

The Sappers went back to Otta and prepared the bridges for blowing up. They worked all night, and the next morning the section went further back, leaving our Scotsman and a lance-corporal to guard the bridge.

German 'planes came over and bombed for hours, dropping from 400 to 500 bombs.

"They didn't kill so much as a cat," he went on. "The only thing they did was to set trees on fire."

There were seventeen detonators on the bridge, and our Scotsman would have liked to delay blowing it up until the Germans were on it. But everything was worked out to a schedule and this was not possible; the troops were to come over at 9.30 o'clock and the bridge was to be blown up at 9.45 exactly.

CAUGHT UP

At 10.10 they left the scene. Trudging along the railway, they found a hand-trolley and with its help caught up with the main body. They almost got shot by their own men as they came up, but were saved when the

ROOSEVELT FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Diplomatic quarters here expect an important announcement from President Roosevelt on foreign policy when he welcomes on Friday night the delegates from 21 American republics to the Eighth American Scientific Congress.—Havas.

trolley fell off the rails!

They later got a train to take them to Dombaas.

"I must say one thing, about the Germans," he went on. "They are not the same Germans as in the last war. They won't come close to you. They just keep potting at you from a distance."

"They are poor fighters and dirty ones!"

Explaining the latter remark, he said he saw 20 Norwegian Red Cross ambulances bombed and machine-gunned by German 'planes on the road between Dombaas and Aandsnes.

German 'planes also bombed them at Aandsnes until two 'naval sloops came in and shot one down. They then left us in peace to get on board that night.—Reuter.

ARTILLERY IN ACTION ON WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communique said there were artillery actions west of the Voges.—Reuter.

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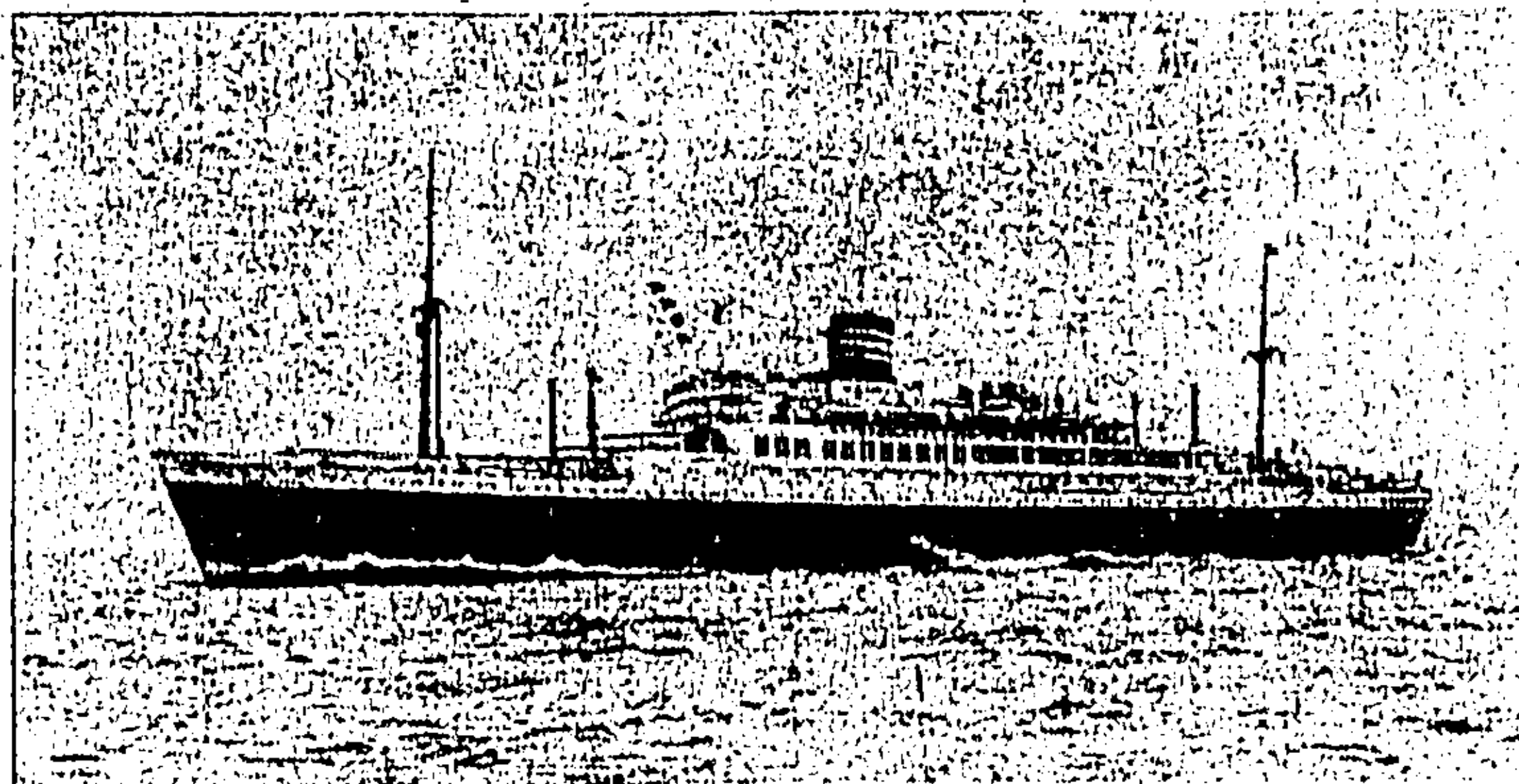
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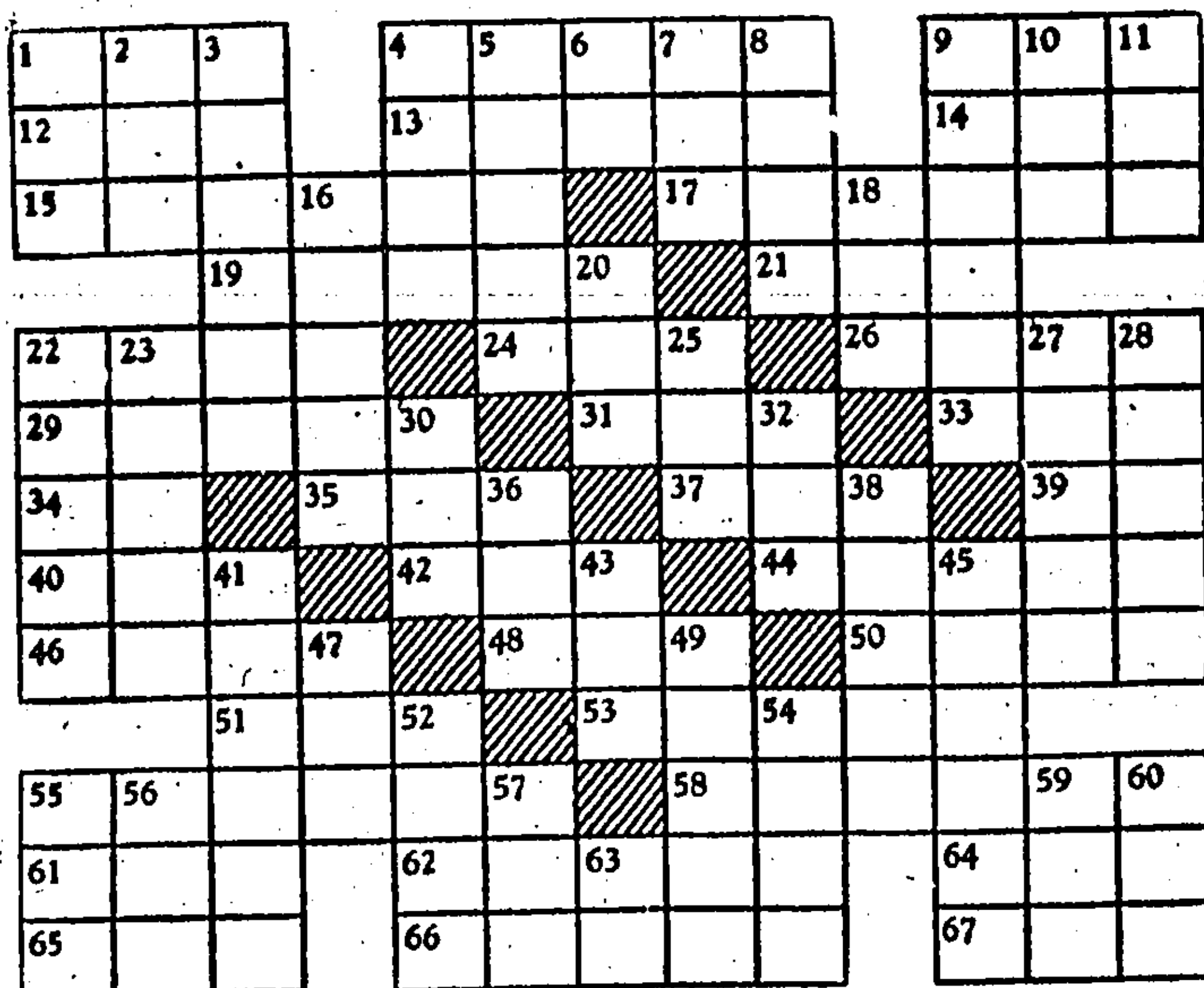
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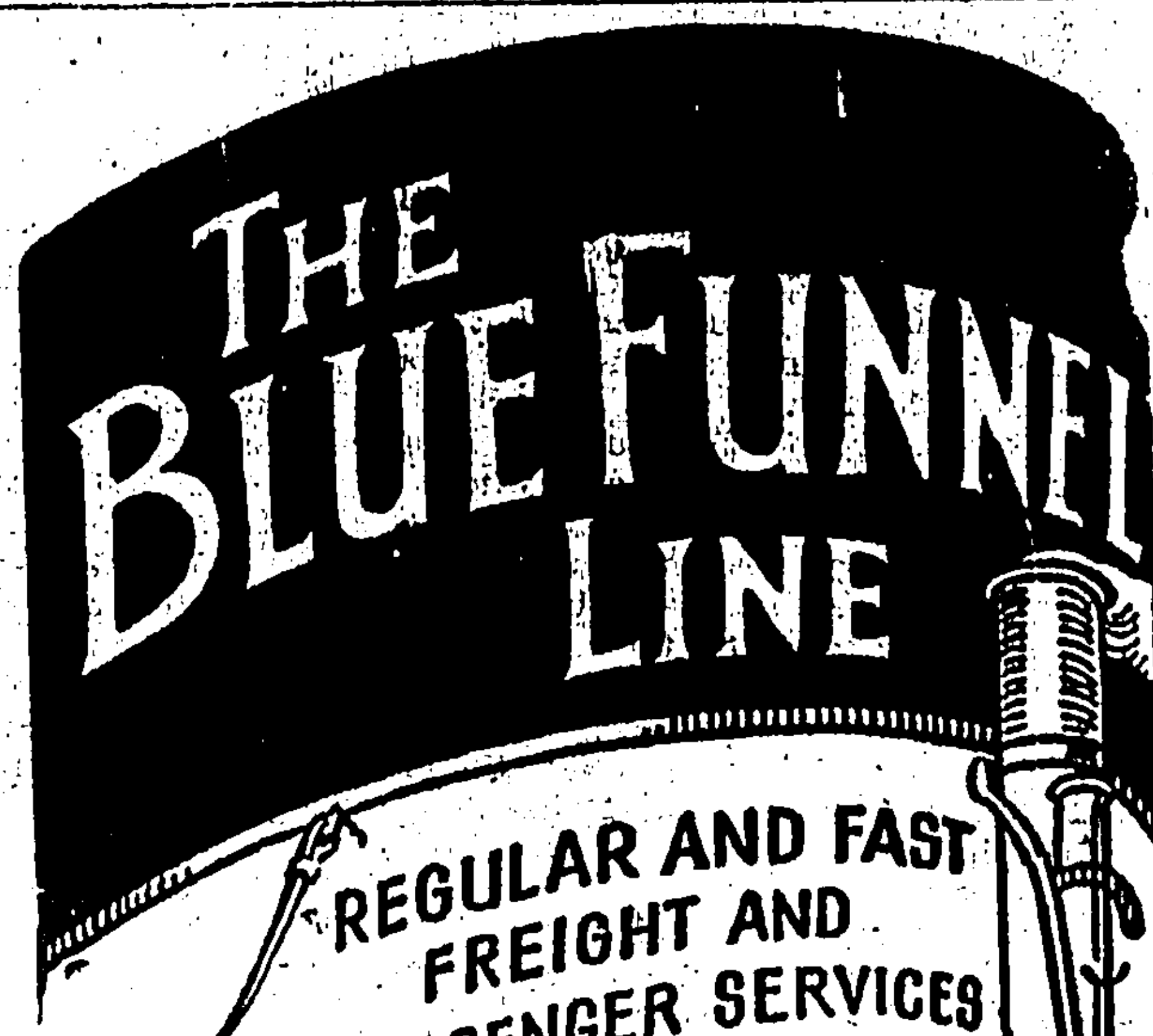
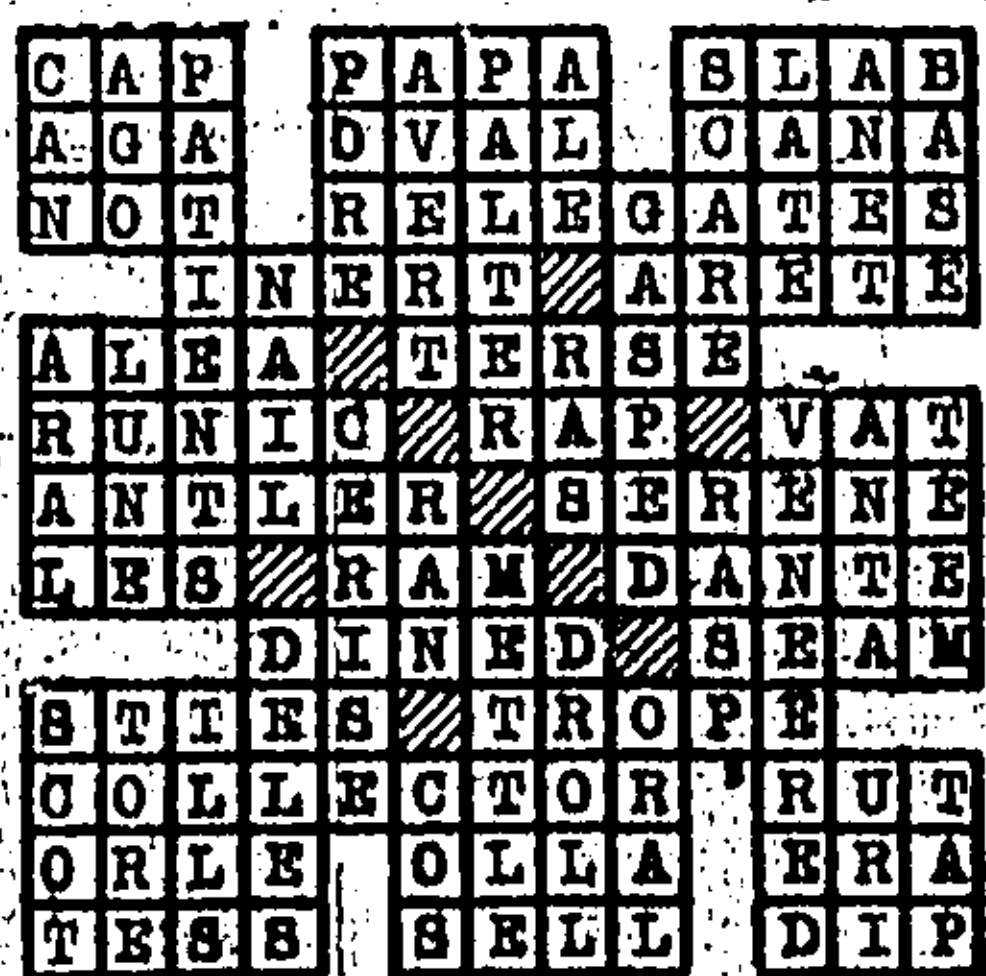
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- 20 Pouch
- 22 To mistreat
- 23 Drank heavily
- 25 Youngster
- 27 Egg-shaped
- 28 Jury list
- 30 Acted
- 32 To hit lightly
- 36 Seed container
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- 41 To giggle
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- 45 Property
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It is said, in particular, that France is a semi-Fascist country, where all liberties have been abolished, where Parliamentary government no longer exists, where the Trade Unions have been suppressed and their leaders imprisoned.

As a result, surprise is apparently expressed at the alliance between British democracy and French dictatorship.

Need I tell you that we are somewhat surprised and disconcerted by such allegations, which in no way correspond to the truth.

Without doubt, there at present exists in the French Republic a state of affairs which tends to restrict a certain number of liberties.

This is the inevitable consequence of the State Emergency Law resulting from the war. In many cases the military authorities have taken the place of the civil authorities.

Certain abuses and excesses, it is true, have been noted, and against these protest has been made, in order that their effects may be modified.

It is wrong to say that Parliament does not exist.

It deliberates freely. The Government is subjected to and replies to questions, and when matters which concern National Defence are under debate and necessitate discretion, all the Parties and the Government agree to discuss them in secret committee.

During the early months of the war, there was a brutal and arbitrary censorship regime.

After campaigns in the Press and a full-dress Parliamentary debate, this regime has been a good deal modified and the political censorship suppressed.

It is not the above state of affairs, to which I have referred briefly, which has aroused in Great Britain the accusations in question.

The cause has to be sought elsewhere, and it is to be found, without any doubt, in the measures taken against the Communists—measures which I do not deny are severe.

But how can they not be considered legitimate? It is first necessary to understand the magnitude of the danger which the communists represent to us in France.

If this were a Party which acted in the name of our national defence and determined its own policy and attitude, then, no matter what might be its social doctrines and revolutionary principles, the attitude of the French Government and of both Chambers would be indefensible.

Must it not borne in mind, however, that the Communists are the direct agents of a foreign Power?

Should it not be remembered that the Communist Party made itself, in the National Assembly and the country at large, the mouthpiece of a foreign government which was the accomplice and associate of the government of another foreign country with which France is at present at war?

Under these conditions the question was absolutely clear.

It had simply to be decided whether a Party, under the orders and in the pay of a foreign Power, could, in time of war, take part, discuss, vote, legislate in a French Assembly and whether it could be informed in the parliamentary commissions or secret committees of the Chamber and the Senate, of the military and diplomatic situation of

By
PAUL FAURE
Secretary of the
French Socialist
Party, in a letter to
the British Labour
Party.

the country and given all the secret intelligence concerning national defence.

It has been said that the grounds on which the Communists were excluded are not to be found in the Constitution.

Perhaps. But the Constitution did not foresee, either, the existence of a Party of treachery installed, with sly malevolence, in the Chamber, in the parliamentary Commissions, in the ministerial ante-chambers—and why not on the ministerial benches?

There are circumstances where natural rights make good the weaknesses and loopholes of the written law, and where the instinct of preservation dictates to the individual and to the community measures of self-protection and safety.

It should be noted, too, that the French Government and the Chamber were punctilious and used the method of reprimand and generosity.

They allowed the Communist deputies weeks of reflection in order that they might dissociate themselves from the Hitler-Stalin collusion and those who thus dissociated themselves—there are examples—were allowed to retain their offices.

Generosity was thus pushed to the point of imprudence. Those Communists who retracted are in a position to appreciate the superiority of democratic methods over those of Bolshevism.

In Russia they would have been shot en bloc, without explanation and with-

out judgment. There would have been a bullet in the neck for each of them and for everyone who tried to defend or excuse them.

The curtain would have fallen on this incident six months ago. The French Republic knows how to behave.

But there is something else that our British comrades ought to know and ponder over.

That is the importance which the Communists had assumed in the Paris region, thanks to large-scale propaganda fed by funds from abroad during 20 years.

They had cells in all the factories of the Paris region, which constitutes the vital centre of the country. They had got their hands on the greater part of the trade union offices.

In the electoral sphere, thanks to the system of abstentions in the second ballot and to the Popular Front, they had secured 33 out of a total of 60 Parliamentary seats for the Seine area.

A very large number of suburban mayoralties were under their control, and they made them into centres of Bolshevik propaganda pure and simple.

To-day, no one can doubt that the Communists place themselves outside the nation, that they obey a foreign Government.

If this state of affairs is difficult to admit in time of peace, it becomes absolutely intolerable in time of war.

Let me repeat: no one can doubt that the Communists have always been the agents of Moscow. We have only to look at their evolution since 1920.

Naturally, there have been several developments in the life of this Party, but these have always been determined by considerations of foreign policy dictated by a foreign Power.

At first they attempted to form a Party which should be at once legal and underground.

They attacked everything which had until then been the basis of working-class action and propaganda.

They claimed that they were essentially propagandists for the world revolution, and said that the era of reforms had gone by, that parliamentarism and democracy were things of the past, and that the time had come for armed rebellion.

It is true that these new theories were not proof against experience and, with an extreme facility for adaptation, the Communists turned themselves into reformists, while continuing to make use of a most unheard-of demagoguery.

At the same time they attempted to cause risings in the colonies; they encouraged the Alsatian autonomists and sent telegrams of congratulation to Abdel-Krim at the time of the Moroccan War.

Then, they suddenly became very nationalist and very democratic. They

Belgrade, To-day.

The Russo-Yugo-Slav negotiations in Moscow are proceeding most favourably and it is probable that normal economic and diplomatic relations between Moscow and Belgrade will be resumed in the near future, according to well-informed sources.

It is even rumoured in authoritative circles that the Yugo-Slav Government is studying an opportunity of sending to Moscow a military mission headed by General Maximovich, Inspector-General of the Yugo-Slav armed forces.—Havas.

took part in all popular demonstrations with the republican parties. They learnt to sing the Marseillaise.

They entered the Popular Front in order to sabotage its internal policy and to impel its foreign policy towards war. They advocated war, whether in the case of Spain, Czecho-Slovakia or Poland.

They even got to the point of advocating national union and, forgetting or pretending to forget their formula about religion being the "opiate of the people," they ostentatiously held out their hands to their Catholic brothers.

Then, once more changing their attitude, they accused France and Britain of being responsible for the war.

Hitler and Stalin are both as meek as lambs and innocent as newly-borns. Only Chamberlain and Daladier, and with them the "capitalist elite and their socialist lackeys"—mentioned by name—have put fire to the powder.

The "glorious" Russian armies answered this in Finland.

There the "rabble" have had the criminal impudence to defend themselves against "liberators" using methods which are known to have surpassed in horror everything that history has taught us of misery and the massacre of men.

Communists propaganda, carried on in co-operation with Berlin and Moscow, sometimes assumes a more subtle form more perfidious and more dangerous.

This is when it seeks to exploit for its own ends the discontents and sufferings of those sections of the population who are most affected and suffer most from the war, in order to cause disorders, the first result of which would be to break the resistance of our armies.

An abominable underground leaflet campaign is being carried on which describes the present war as having been desired solely by British capitalism.

The Communists thus seek to turn French public opinion against Britain, to demoralise the mass of the people and the Army in order to provoke moral disintegration and prepare the atmosphere for disorders.

After that, no doubt, Hitler and Stalin would have the mission of restoring order.

That is the situation. Once more, it justifies French policy and the measures taken against a Party of treachery, at the moment when the destiny of France together with that of Britain, and all hopes of democracy and freedom, are in the balance.

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ALIENS BREAK REGULATIONS

Miss Ludmila Vassilleva, of Mody House, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning for failing to notify her change of address in November, 1939.

Detective-Sergeant Headridge said it was not until April 22 that the Police discovered defendant had removed to her present address. A fine of \$25 was imposed.

Mrs. Clara Davidovitch, of Switzerland, residing at No. 44, Hillwood Road, was fined \$10 for failing to notify change of her business address on April 1.

Mr. Kurt Wilkens of No. 5, Abermore Court was fined \$25 for a similar offence.

Detective Sergeant J. Headridge prosecuted.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations today:

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1485 b., \$1480/90 sa.

INSURANCES

Union Ins. \$475 b., \$485 s.
H.K. Fire Ins. \$171 b., \$175 s.

SHIPPING

H.K. Steamboats \$11 b.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H.K. Docks cum Rts. \$21 b.
Providents \$4 b., \$4.20 s.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

Humphreys \$8 sa.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H.K. Tramways \$17.40 b., \$17.40 sa.

Star Ferries \$65 sa.

H.K. Electrics \$64¼ s.

Telephones (New) \$10.10 b.

STORES, &C.

Dairy Farms \$22 s.

Sinceres \$2.30 b.

Wm. Powell, Ltd. \$1.30 b.

MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$7¼ b.

LAST DAY'S SALES

2 H.K. Bank @ \$1495
10 H.K. Bank @ \$1482½
30 H.K. Bank @ \$1480
200 Humphreys @ \$8
200 Star Ferries @ \$65
100 Telephones (New) @ \$10.10

MANILA SHARES

Antamoks Ps. .10 sa.
Atoks Ps. .15 b.
Baguio Gold Ps. .17½ sa.
Batong Buhay Ps. .009 b.
Benguet Consol. Ps. .490 b.
Big Wedge Ps. .17 b.
Coco Grove Ps. .08 sa.
Consol. Mines Ps. .0015 b.
Demonstrations Ps. .08 sa.
East Mindanao Ps. .08¼ sa.
I.X.L. Ps. .30 sa.
Itogons Ps. .18 sa.
Masbates Ps. .08¼ sa.
Mind. Mother Lode Ps. .08 sa.
Mine Operation Ps. .07¼ b.
Paracale, Gumaus Ps. .16½ b.
San Mauricio Ps. .59 sa.
Surigao Consol. Ps. .16½ b.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. .11½ sa.
United Paracales Ps. .20 sa.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

Silver was quoted at 21 spot and 20-15/16 forward.

The cross rate London/New York was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.0250 and the New York/London rate at £-U.S.\$3.37-1/2.

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DIFFICULTIES OF NAZIS IN NORWAY WILL INCREASE

Cairo, To-day.

THE NEWSPAPER "AL BALAGH" declares all appearances show the position of the Germans in Norway will grow more difficult.

Germany has not succeeded in realising her aims in Norway and we shall shortly see whether she can maintain the bases she has acquired and profit from them.

GERMANS NEED U-BOAT CREWS

GERMANY IS MAKING URGENT APPEALS BY RADIO FOR AIR AND NAVAL VOLUNTEERS, HOLDING OUT AS AN INDUCEMENT ADVANTAGES DENIED TO SOLDIERS.

According to German law, no man can be conscripted for U-boat service or the air force. Hence the appeal.

It takes two years to train a submarine crew, and a crew requires a long rest after the nervous tension of a spell at sea in war conditions. Germany has lost at least thirty submarines and their crews since the war began.

Even though Germany is able to build craft to replace those lost, she is faced with the problem of manning them.

The appeal for the air force, asks for men from seventeen upwards.

KILLED BY HIS LACK OF HUMOUR

Aristide Blain lies dead in New York recently by his own hand because he lacked a sense of humour.

Because of his French Canadian birth Blain was known to his friends as Frenchie.

Police investigating the murder mystery of pretty Frances Marks have been seeking a criminal known only as Frenchie.

Blain's fellow workers jokingly accused him of being the "real Frenchie," and told him the police would get him sooner or later.

Blain took them seriously and he hanged himself after penning this note to his wife: "I'm wrongfully suspected of murder, and I am glad you know I'm as innocent as you."



When friends asked about minded Al if he'd like a life belt, he replied, "No, he always wore suspenders."

Germany has been obliged to expend much in Norway while Britain has gained the Norwegian merchant marine, which is the world's fourth.

The "Waf del Masri" says the war does not prevent the press in England criticising military measures taken by the Government, and this example should be followed by all democratic states.

Under the heading "War Nerves" the paper describes how Germany, by radio, press and rumours, has tried to shake the morale of Britons but failed.

"Those people are gifted with nerves of iron and are not shaken by the war of nerves."

The "Al Mokattam," referring to Italy's demands for a distinguished position in the Mediterranean, says Italy means a territorial position.—Reuter.

THE MARRIAGE HATERS

A woman who wrote an article against marriage is to marry a man who wrote her saying he agreed with her. She is Miss Helen Trevelyan, actress as well as a writer. Seven years ago she wrote an article, "Men I Could Murder."

She received a flood of correspondence about it.

Only one letter really interested her. It was from a man who had served as a pilot in the Great War. He, too, was an opponent of marriage.

A pen-friendship grew up, and about a month ago, when he returned to England from South Africa to serve once more as a pilot in the R.A.F. they met for the first time.

Last Tuesday they agreed by letter to marry, and the wedding is to take place immediately.

The name of the convert to matrimony is Pilot-Officer Norman (Tiny) Williams, R.A.F. He is forty-four.

"I'M VERY HAPPY"

Miss Trevelyan, who is thirty-one, is the daughter of the late Mr. W. Trevelyan-Thomson, M.P. for Middlesbrough, and Mrs. Trevelyan-Thomson, of Dolphin-square, S. W.

"I can't remember the point of the article on which my fiance first wrote to me," Miss Trevelyan told a reporter, "but I know we both agreed thoroughly in being opposed to marriage."

EXIT THE JITTERBUG

Swing and jitterbugging are dying out in America, according to a "straw" survey of dancing opinion throughout the country.

Here are typical answers to the question: Whither swing?

Night club official (Denver, Colorado): Most Denver dancing places won't permit jitterbugging and swing.

Music official (Kansas City, Missouri): The trend is away from jitterbugging music.

Theatre proprietor (Cleveland, Ohio): The jitterbugs are very definitely dying out.

Music Editor (Chicago, Illinois): The latter part of 1939 saw the kids calming down.—Associated Press.

CAT RAN AWAY FROM--A MOUSE

Tiggles the cat lay dreaming in front of the fire wondering what was for dinner. Then dinner walked into the room.

Tiggles saw a mouse coming across the carpet towards her. The mouse saw Tiggles, and stopped. Tiggles stared, the mouse stared. Tiggles licked her lips.

Then the mouse, instead of cowering away or seeking safety in flight, took a few steps forward. Tiggles, upset by this unusual conduct, retreated a foot or two. The mouse came on, and a wild look in her eyes, turned tail—and bolted.

Her owner, Miss Sarah Brodie, of Fife-avenue, Stamford Hill, London, N., said: "It was only a tiny mouse. I am afraid Tiggles is a coward."

H. K. MINES OUTPUT

The Hong Kong Mines, output during April amounted to 4786 short dry tons of ore treated, from which 542.26 dry tons of Lead Concentrates were produced, averaging as follows:—

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6.00 p.m.—Tchaikowsky — Symphony No. 6 in B Minor, Op. 74 (The "Pathetique" Symphony). Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitsky.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Tartini—Sonata for Violin and Piano ("Devil's Trill"). Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano accompaniment by Arthur Balsam.
7.03 p.m.—Ina Souez (Soprano) in a Light Concert.
Victoria Regia (from the Suite "The Wonder of the Flowers"—Kunneke); Waltz (Finale) (from the Suite "The Wonder of the Flowers"—Kunneke).... Grand Symphony Orchestra.
Love Will Find A Way (from "The Maid of the Mountains").... Ina Souez (Soprano) with Orchestra.
Melodious Intermezzo (Kotcher).... Erich Olschewski & His Orchestra.

To-day's Wireless

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My Hero (from "The Chocolate Soldier").... Ina Souez (Soprano) with Orchestra.
By The Fireside—Romance (Hippmann).... Frederic Hippmann & His Orchestra.
In The Sudan (Sebek); Babylonian Nights (Zamecnik).... Alfred Van Dam & His Gaumont State Orchestra.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Two Piano Jazz Recital by Hal Lorenzo and Toby Gray.
8.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording — "Hall Variety". Written and devised by Gale Pedrick. Production by Roy Speer.

9.00 p.m.—The Organ, The Dance Band and Me.
Fox-Trots—I'm Reading Your Letters; I'm Sorry I Didn't Say "I'm Sorry".
Waltz—The Umbrella Man (from "These Foolish Things").
Fox-Trots—There's A New Apple Tree; Sweet As A Song (film "Sally, Irene and Mary").
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—Talk on "What Oil Means To Us" recorded by Robert Byron.
9.45 p.m.—Compositions of Saint-Saens.
"Samson and Delilah"—Selection.... De Groot & His Orchestra.
The Deluge—Prelude, Op. 45.... Toscha Seidel (Violin) with Max Rabinovitch at the Piano.
Softly Awakes My Heart (from "Samson and Delilah").... Maria Olszewska (Contralto) with Orchestra.
Le Cygne.... Marcel Mule (Saxophone) with Marcel Gaveau at the Piano.

10.00 p.m.—Studio—"The Blagden Legend".
A Play produced by Evelyn Wood. Scene: Blagden Castle on Christmas Eve, 1939. Cast: Colin, Master of Blagden.... C. Jones; Helen, an American guest.... Madeleine Van Metre; Bruce, another guest.... R. Norsworthy; Elizabeth, Colin's sister.... Diana Duncan; Margaret, Colin's fiancée.... Minks Boas.
10.30 p.m.—Billy Cotton and His Band in Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—There'll Always Be An England; Wish Me Luck (from "Shipyard Sally"); To Mother With Love; I Miss You In The Morning.
Waltz—Where The Shannon Flows Down To The Sea.
Fox-Trot—There's A Lady In Calais.
Novelty Fox-Trot—The Chocolate Soldier's Daughter.
Fox-Trots—Thanks For The Memory (from "The Big Broadcast"); Have You Ever Been In Heaven? (from "Manhattan Music Box").
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



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SURPRISE

Theodore Lightner is noted for the extreme soundness of his bidding. Nevertheless, here is a hand on which he not only opened with a psychic, but boldly rebid the hand with very successful results.

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ Q J 7 3
♥ J 4
♦ 10 8 6 5 2
♣ K 9
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♠ 10 5
♥ 9 8 2
♦ Q J 7 3
♣ Q 10 6 4
♠ K 9 8 6 4 2
♥ K Q 7 3
♦ —
♣ 8 7 5
Mr. Lightner

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Dbl.	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Pass	Pass

Mr. Lightner's opening bid was of course way below normal in high cards, and his partner's immediate raise to two spades over the double could be construed as strength in any way. Nevertheless, Mr. Lightner reasoned to himself: "If my partner has four or five trumps and is short in clubs, we might even make four spades. In any event, if I don't bid again, the opponents will probably get into the bidding." Hence, his rebid of his psychic.

When North raised to four, West was of course delighted to double, and

opened the King of diamonds. Mr. Lightner ruffed and proceeded to make the hand, losing a trick to each of West's other three Aces but trumping his long club and heart in dummy.

Yesterday, with neither side vulnerable, you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and held:

♠ K x x
♥ x
♦ A J 9 x x
♣ J x x x

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Maier	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Your correct bid is two diamonds. Obviously the opening bid has been psychic—otherwise Mr. Schenken would have responded to his partner's forcing one-over-one. You must re-open in case your partner has a good hand.

Score 100% for two diamonds, 70% for double (with four spades or greater high card strength this bid would be correct), 0 for pass.

QUESTION NO. 404

You are again Oswald Jacoby's partner and again you hold:

♠ K x x
♥ x
♦ A J 9 x x
♣ J x x x

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Maier	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid now? (Answer tomorrow.)

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CHUNGKING SCOTCHES RUMOUR

Chungking, To-day.

In identic telegrams to the Shanghai Municipal Chamber of Commerce, the Chinese Bankers' Association and the Chinese Money Dealers' Association the Ministry of Finance has categorically denied rumours current in Shanghai that the National Government will impose new restrictions on the withdrawal of bank deposits.

The rumours are believed to have been circulated by speculators attempting to take advantage of the present seasonal slump of the Chinese dollar to create greater disturbance in the financial market.—Central News.

A RUSE AND A COMMENT

London, To-day.

A German lieutenant and ten men disguised in British uniforms took a British detachment by surprise near

COLONY CHESS

BARNETT TAKES LEAD

Following are the latest results in the Colony Chess Tournament:—K. M. A. Barnett beat B. S. Litvin; D. E. de Carvalho beat Sir Henry Pollock; A. Biriukoff beat V. V. Kolatchoff.

Positions of the players follow:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
K. M. A. Barnett	14	11	1	2	11½
E. Zimmern	12	10	1	1	10½
D. E. de Carvalho	14	9	1	4	9½
K. Weiss	13	8	1	4	8½
B. S. Litvin	14	8	0	6	8
Sir H. Pollock	14	6	3	5	7½
A. Kurrik	12	4	2	6	5
A. Biriukoff	14	3	2	9	4
L. Blair	12	1	0	11	1
V. V. Kolatchoff	13	0	1	12	½

Lillehammer.

This statement was made in a German broadcast in Greek on Monday.

Authoritative military circles point out that this ruse is condemned by the German General Staff in the official work: "Kriegsbrauch in Landkriege."—British Wireless.



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TENNIS

C.R.C. SHOULD AGAIN WIN MIXED LEAGUE

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U.S.R.C. LOSSES; ONLY POSSIBLE TO RAISE MEDIOCRE SIDE

By "Adrem"

DESPITE THE FACT that the Lawn Tennis League is due to start a week to-day, enquiries made yesterday revealed that surprisingly little preparation has been made by most of the clubs.

I have already dealt with "A" Division in an article in "The Sunday Herald", a short while ago and there is little to add. University are exceedingly difficult to contact and I have little information regarding this team apart from the fact that Ip Yee is the man in charge. As for their lady players, I know nothing and cannot for the life of me recall any undergraduate who has any pretension to skill at the game.

Hong Kong Cricket Club have registered L. Goldman, M. Pagh, T. A. Pearce and D. M. MacDougall for "A" Division, with R. Beisel, T. C. Monaghan and G. W. Sewell as possibles. H. J. Armstrong, an extremely useful doubles player, will not be turning out, while W. A. H. Duff, who would have strengthened the team a lot, is going to Shanghai shortly and then proceeding on leave.

Club have not yet decided on their mixed team but from the above, the men will probably be Goldman, Pagh and Pearce.

NOT MANY LADY PLAYERS

A general survey of the mixed doubles teams reveals that apart from Kowloon Cricket Club, none of the clubs are blessed with an over-abundance of lady players. In this respect, United Services Recreation Club, hitherto always strong challengers in this division, will not be able to field nearly as strong a team this year as they did last year. Miss Griffiths is still available but Miss Ann Tylor is not turning out, while, of course, Mrs. Clifford is no longer in the Colony.

The team, therefore, is likely to be Miss Griffiths, Miss J. Reeve and Miss Decima Eardley with Lt. J. S. Theobald, B.O.M. Deane and R. R. Todd as the men.

Chinese Recreation Club appear to be the strongest team in the division and provided their ladies are able to turn out regularly there does not appear to be a team capable of even extending them.

Their ladies will be Mrs. Enid Litton, Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu and Miss Yeung Wai-bun. Their trouble in previous seasons has been the lack of players on whom to call when any of the above-named are unable to turn out.

I understand that the Tsui brothers are not too keen on the mixed game and will only play occasionally and so the men will probably be W. C. Hung, Paul Kong and Lee Wai-tong, all experienced mixed players.

STRONG "A" TEAM

Although Kowloon Cricket Club have unlimited players and will easily be able to turn out two teams, their "B" team is not likely to be very strong. Their "A" team, however, gives promise of being the only one capable of giving C.R.C. anything like a game. One of the pleasing features of a trial held at K.C.C. on Sunday, was the improvement shown by Miss Margaret Stokes, one of their most youthful players. This player, a great enthusiast who misses no chance of going on the courts, should be one of the mainstays of the senior team

and should benefit greatly by playing in this class of tennis.

From form shown in the trial on Sunday I would be inclined to pick Miss Stokes and Mrs. Sweeney with Mrs. Burnett to complete the team when her hand has recovered. The men are likely to be E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher and G. C. Burnett.

For the "B" team there are the following players from whom to select: Miss B. Harker, Mrs. Margaret White, Mrs. Violet Fowler, Mrs. Smeby, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Sturgeon (a newcomer) Mrs. A. Zimmermann and Mrs. Williams.

The latter player is a possible selection for "A" team but she has not played for some time and is right out of practice. The teams will be nominated following a trial to be held on Monday.

Ladies' Recreation Club are an unknown quantity. Of their team of last year, I understand that Mr. and Mrs. Story are no longer in the Colony although Capt. Hyde and J. J. Ferguson are still available.

RECREIO WILL BE MISSED

One team that will be missed this year is Recreio. Always an enjoyable team to play against, the Portuguese club have been unable to raise three ladies of sufficient skill to warrant their entry.

ICE-SKATING RINK IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, always considered more enterprising than Hong Kong in the matter of sport and entertainment, have now been provided with a means of combining the two.

In the course of the week was opened the "Crystal Ice Skating Rink," on artificial ice scientifically prepared by experts. 500 pairs of skates are provided for patrons and popular songs and music are played to the desired swing while skating is in progress.

Roller skating, introduced to Shanghai some three years ago, proved so popular that roller skating rinks sprang up all over the city.

REFEREES' PROPOSALS

At the monthly meeting of the Referees' Association last night it was decided to send several representations to the Football Association.

Among the representations is that a Referee Appointment Secretary be appointed and that referees or linesmen in games not played should receive fees.

Mr. Beard's proposal that referees in charity matches should be given a fee, but should be allowed to return it as a contribution towards that charity he might do so, was seconded.

HOME SOCCER SEASON EXTENDED

London, May 1.

The Football Association have decided to extend the season by five weeks until June 8. They have stipulated that in arranging fixtures clubs must co-operate with officials of summer games in order to avoid interference in the way of counter-attractions to sports like cricket and tennis.

F.A.'s extension applies to all football organisations under their control, and no doubt many amateur bodies will take advantage of the extension of the season.—Reuter.

SCIENTIFIC FEATURES FOR PIMLICO TRACK

Baltimore, Md., May 1.

Two of modern science's latest contributions will be used in the running of the Golden Jubilee Preakness on May 11, for the first time.

The Puett Electric starting gate, which assures a perfect start and a minimum of delay at the post, and the electric telemer are the new features. Both were introduced to the race track at last autumn for trials, Pimlico, Maryland, where the Preakness will be run, and were so successful that it was decided to make them permanent features of the forthcoming spring meeting.

WAR NOT LIKELY TO AFFECT SHANGHAI CRICKET SEASON

Shanghai, Thursday — With the days drawing out and the weather getting distinctly hotter the thoughts of many local sportsmen are now turning to the Race Course and the summer games with King Cricket upmost in many minds. Within a few weeks the game of Bat and Ball will be in full swing and the 1940 season will be well under way. The Shanghai Cricket Club opens on May 1 and it is more than possible that one game, at least of sorts, will be seen during the coming week-end. Others sides are not likely to swing into action until a couple of weeks or so have passed. Arrangements for the coming season have not yet been made but it is believed that the League series that proved so popular to both players and onlookers alike during the past years will again be the feature of this season.

If last summer's results are any criteria then it is more than possible that the same teams will be entered for the League, but a meeting to be held at the S.C.C. this week will decide what will definitely happen in this respect.

Last year's League winners, Shaforce, must again be considered as about the strongest local eleven.

With only Cheney absent from the winning team and a number of newcomers to bolster up the all round strength, the Army representatives should go close once again to capturing the title. Captain Cole, who batted so well and finished with an average that nearly reached 100 per innings, is still here and aided by such stalwarts as R. D. MacLagan, S/Sgt. Sadler, Sgt. Hazlen, Sgt. Jones, Major Gray, Major Rawstorne and Sgts. Eastwell and Plumb, to mention but a few of the best Army players, it would seem that Shaforce is going to experience difficulty in knowing who to drop in order to field the best possible side.

S.C.C. SHOULD BE STRONG

The Shanghai Cricket Club is likely to be particularly strong once again and under the captaincy of D. W. Leach, the Club 1st XI will be a most difficult team to defeat. J. C. Jenkins, one of the most consistent medium-paced trundlers seen in Shanghai for years and that stolid batsman A. V. T. Dean will not be here, but it is believed that no other players of note will be missing. Details are not available as to whether any new blood has arrived but within a month, any newcomers will have had their opportunity to show their prowess and provided they are up to the requisite standard they will find no trouble in getting their places in one of three elevens that the Club habitually run.

With Jenkins and Dean both absent from the same side, the Club of course will make a few changes in the selections of their teams this year in order that all elevens are of approximately the same strength. With such sterling performers as Leach, Sinclair, Dunkley, Booth, Duckitt, F. Marshall, F. E. T. Marshall, Norman, Knightly, Elliott, Stokes, Anstice, Tingle, and Mellor, to mention but a round dozen, all likely to be donning togs, the Club will be well served in all directions and their batting and bowling strength appears to be as capable as ever.

NEW PLAYERS FOR RECS?

The Recs, whose two teams were a keen disappointment in 1939, are likely to do better during the coming months. Torry Wilson and Pat Mader will see to that. Their fielding, in the main, was not up to the high standards of the past but a decided improvement is certain to be witnessed in this direction. Dame Rumour has it that certain new players will be seen out for the Recs this year, but it is perhaps better to wait until the season is here until comment is made.

Quite a number of youngsters, however, who made their initial appearances last season with the Recs showed great promise and much is expected of them this summer. Time alone will show whether the hopes placed in them are justified.

The Police, who finished in the cellar position of the League in 1939, are likely to have a hard time of it again this year although they can now call upon the services of both Woodley and Boddy, who will make all the difference to the attack. The run getting department, too, has been strengthened with Boddy's return, but a decided all round improvement will have to be shown by the entire team if the lawmen hope to improve upon their last season's showing.

PARSEES TO PLAY

With the sporting Parsees entering an eleven last year's quota of eight teams is completed. The Parsees did not fare too well in 1939 but they possess a number of more than useful bats and bowlers while, at times, their fielding approaches the brilliant. The Shroff brothers, Divecha, Kermani and Mehta form the nucleus of a strong eleven and it will come as no surprise to see this popular side do even better this year than heretofore.

As things are at present, despite the war in Europe, the prospects for the 1940 season, appear more than bright. The usual quota of friendly games will be played in the evenings and with League matches played at the week-ends and Wood Trophy encounters and representatives series taking up the holidays, Shanghai, it would seem, is in for a bumper summer.—"N.C.D. News."



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LAWN BOWLS TEAMS

Following teams have been selected to represent Kowloon Bowling Green Club in League Lawn Bowls matches to be played on Saturday:—

First Division (v I.R.C. at I.R.C.)—T. Armstrong, D. W. Waterton, H. White, A. J. Hall (skip); V. C. Dixon, J. C. Gill, J. R. Meyer, G. H. Sherriff (skip); W. L. Walker, L. Guy, A. Hyde-Lay, A. M. Holland (skip).
Second Division (v C.C.C. at K.B.G.C.)—E. F. Pope, E. Levett, F. A. Cheesman, R. Duncan (skip); H. Bicknell, G. W. Deacon, E. V. Searle, H. Lockhart (skip); A. Morton, H. E. Drew, E. A. Atkins, W. Harrower (skip).
Third Division (v I.R.C. at K.B.G.C.)—F. Scard, S. C. Walker, C. Wallis, K. C. Hamilton (skip); F. H. Wilkinson, W. H. Organ, G. S. Hammond, J. S. Dinnen (skip); H. Spong, C. E. Langley, P. A. Peckham, L. Jordan (skip).

H.K.E.R.C. TEAM

Following teams have been selected to represent Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club in League lawn bowls matches to be played on Saturday:—
v K.F.C. at K.F.C.—A. P. Tarbuck, R. A. Owens, C. E. Gahagan, J. F. Lunny (skip); A. G. Gardner, R. F. Gregory, H. S. McKay, A. F. Paul (skip); W. E. Macfarlane, V. Sorby, G. T. Padgett, G. G. S. Thomson (skip).

H.K.C.C. TEAMS

Following team have been selected to represent Hong Kong Cricket Club in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:—
Second Division (v C.S.C.C. at the Valley)—R. R. Davies, J. C. FitzHenry, G. E. Costello and B. E. Maughan (skip); J. A. D. Morrison, E. Hospe, E. S. Abraham and A. W. Brown (skip); J. Prentice, L. A. R.

HOME SOCCER PROGRAMME FOR NEXT SEASON

LONDON, TO-DAY. — The provisional football programme for next season arranges clubs in four sections and the sectional championship will be decided on goal average.

INDOOR BOWLING

In a 10-pin match at the Bowling Alleys yesterday, Dare Devils beat the Chief Petty Officers of the Asheville by 477.

DARE DEVILS

J. H. Watts	172	202	208	133	180	895
H. Blount	137	155	144	182	180	793
Joe Harvey	164	133	156	162	181	790
D. M. Kepliner	170	127	174	167	156	794

Total

3,283

CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

J. C. Summers	154	135	162	165	129	745
G. C. Merkel	162	160	124	141	140	727
E. L. Wood	134	115	150	133	145	677
C. S. Edwards	109	166	128	136	118	657

Total

2,806

Duncan, R. H. Wild and G. S. Archbutt (skip).

Third Division (v P. O. Club at H.K.C.C.)—A. K. Mackenzie, F. D. Angus, J. L. Mouat, A. McKellar; W. J. Hensen, L. E. N. Ryan, W. A. Cornell and R. A. Edwards (skip); G. H. Bond, B. J. Lacon, W. A. Cruickshank and P. S. Cassidy (skip).

K.C.C. SELECTIONS

Following have been selected to represent Kowloon Cricket Club in League lawn bowls matches to be played on Saturday:—

First Division (v Revere at Home)—G. Lee, A. W. Smith, W. Mulcahy, and E. Kern (skip); T. Madar, H. Overy, G. Moss and E. C. Fincher (skip); V. C. Labrum, J. W. M. Brown, J. Fraser and F. Goodwin (skip).
Second Division (v Talkoo at Home)—W. Naef, R. B. Wellwood, A. W. Ramsey and T. Carr (skip); A. Madar, L. Jack, A. Spary, R. Marks (skip); A. Dand, W. Parsons, G. Taylor, J. M. Jack (skip).

The first eleven teams in each section will qualify for the first round of the cup competition; others play a preliminary round, home and away on Feb. 1 and 8.

The first round will be played Feb. 15 and 22 and the final on March 3.—Reuter.

SCOTTISH MATCH

London, To-day.—In the Scottish League Western, Queen's Park lost to Albion Rovers by 1—3.—Reuter.

EARLIER RESULTS

Several games in the English and Scottish Regional Football Leagues were held on Monday.

In the Western Section of the English Regional League, Manchester United trounced New Brighton by six clear goals in a home match, while Stoke won away against Port Vale by the odd goal in three.

In the only Scottish Regional encounter, Falkirk and Dunfermline shared a goalless draw in the Eastern Section.—Reuter.

H.K. BASEBALL CLUB MEETING

There will be a meeting of Hong Kong Baseball Club to-day at the Brook Club, Kowloon, at 5.30 p.m. Officers will be elected and plans for the forthcoming season discussed.

Miss Iris L. Woolley, the hockey Interport captain, was married at St. Andrew's Church yesterday to Mr. D. W. Joyce, the K.C.C. tennis player.

GRAPHIC GOLF



NARROW SLANCE TAKES OVER

By BEST BALL

During the last decade the stance for putting, in the upper flight group, has become narrower. To-day many of the best putters stand with their feet noticeably close together. Bobby Jones, for example, at one time adopted a much wider stance than he employed in the latter days of his career when he made his grand slam. Sarazen above followed a similar procedure. By constant putting over the years these two, as well as others, have found that greater relaxation and stroke smoothness can be had with the feet near together. A good distance apart they are apt to be on the tense side and this tendency unconsciously reflected in the stroke.

When one is young it seems as if determination to make each shot count can best be expressed by having the feet firmly planted on terra firma and a fair distance apart. Experience will show that there the stroke is apt to be somewhat stilted in this position on occasions. With the feet together the clubhead can literally float into the back of the ball and sweep it, along into the cup. Placing less strain on the muscles, it is not near so tiring as the wide stance.

Next Article:—Swing Time.

SWIMMING

INTERPORT UNLIKELY SAYS S'HAJ JOURNAL

Prospects of an Interport with Hong Kong this year are very remote, according to the "China Press," which, in an article discussing Shanghai swimming prospects for the coming season, states:

"The situation along the coast and in the world will not make an Interport meeting with Hong Kong possible. Hong Kong could not come down here, and Shanghai would not be able to finance a trip to Hong Kong."

According to the same article, Shanghai have lost a great many of their stars of last season. Dick Hall, one of the best exponents of the "butterfly" breast stroke in the Far East, is at present in the United States although he is expected to return before the Summer is over, and Toby Garbriloff, holder of several northern records, is in Australia.

Much is expected of Jackie Lumsdaine, who is expected to improve a great deal this season.

Shanghai Swimming Association held its first meeting last week under the chairmanship of John Huxley, well-known in Hong Kong as the manager of the last Interport team to visit these shores.

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The FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be CLOSED from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 1st May, 1940.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions from the Liquidators and Others to sell by Public Auction on FRIDAY, the 10th. MAY, 1940 commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room. No. 35. Hankow Road, Kowloon.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING, GREEN ISLAND HANDICAP

2nd Day—Monday, 13th May

In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.30 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets \$5 each, will be held on this race but "All through" chances will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,

C. B. Brown,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th May, 1940.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY ON SATURDAY, 11th and MONDAY, 13th May, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, and at 12.30 p.m. on Monday.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on the First Day and at 12.00 NOON on the Second Day. The Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1.00 p.m.) on the Second Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

The temporary green cardboard badges are now cancelled and will no longer procure admission to the Enclosure.

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Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 per day for Gentlemen and \$3.00 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m. on the First Day and at 10.45 a.m. on the Second Day. Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 6th May, 1940

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SHANGHAI SETTLING DOWN AGAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Shanghai, To-day.

Shanghai is effecting a gradual and somewhat chaotic adaptation to the new conditions brought about by the fall in the Chinese dollar.

Dominant note is the scare created by the recent drop leading some of the smaller importers to reduce sales in order to keep their stock of foreign goods.

In many cases prices soared much more than the exchange drop warranted.

The situation has resulted in a new boom for local made products as, for the first time since the dollar ceased to be a stable currency, the increase in imported products has considerably reduced sales.—Havas.

NEW RACE IN NORWAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Stockholm, To-day.

The Norwegian forces formerly in Steinkjer are now trying to contact the Allied forces operating round Narvik.

At the same time German reinforcements are advancing towards the same region.

The results of the 'race' cannot be forecast yet.

Meanwhile it is reported that the situation of the inhabitants of Namsos is becoming tragic owing to the lack of foodstuffs.—Havas.

PARIS AND PREMIER'S SPEECH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Paris, To-day.

Mr. Chamberlain's Commons speech was favourably received here and a great impression has been produced by what is termed the Premier's sincerity.

Political circles point to Mr. Chamberlain's solemn declaration that the Allied resolution to fight the war till complete victory can only be strengthened by the Norwegian reverse.

Another important fact made public by Mr. Chamberlain was that the Allied troops attempted the difficult Trondheim operation upon the express request of the Norwegian authorities, thus showing the Allies will not hesitate to extend help to victims of aggression, however difficult the conditions for assistance may be.—Havas.

BRITISH POLICY OF FIRMNESS IN MEDITERRANEAN

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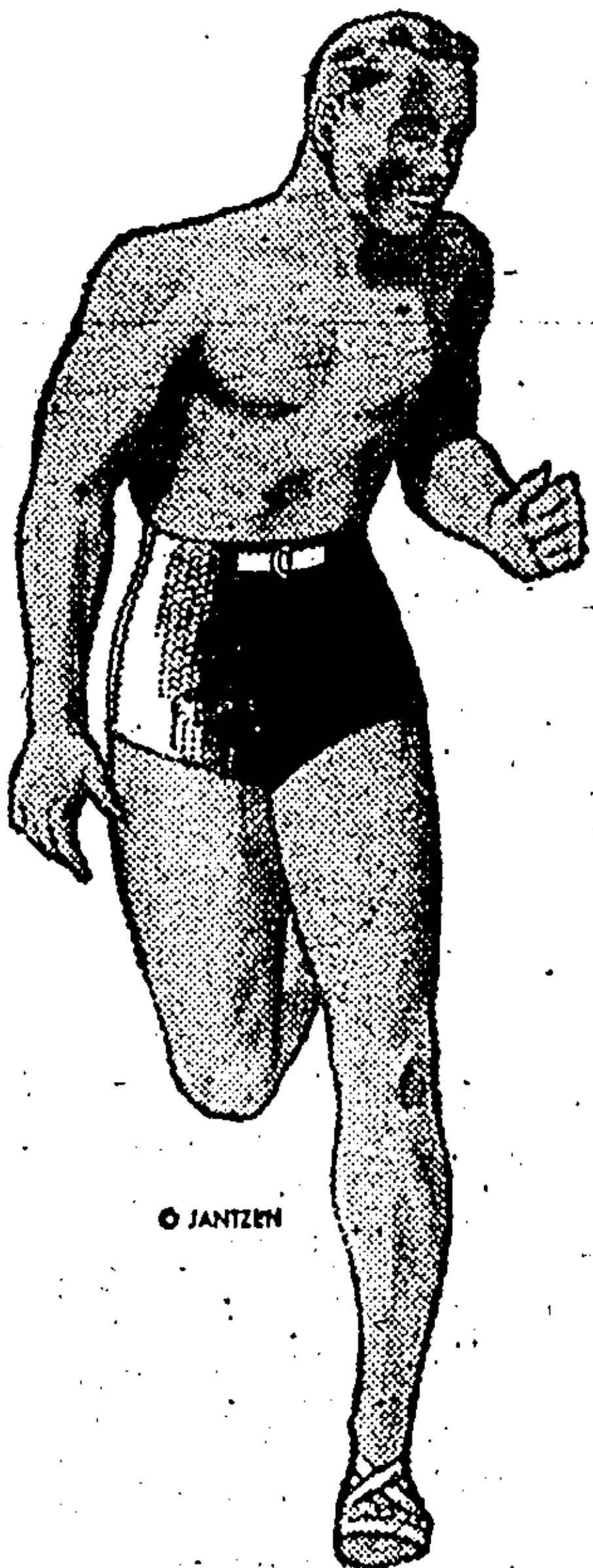
be signed only when Britain is assured that goods she sells to Russia will not benefit Germany.—Havas.

Demarche Denied

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
London, To-day.

The report that Britain has sent Italy a Note requesting her to define in specific manner her stand in the international situation is categorically denied in authoritative quarters.

The story of the Chamberlain-Reynaud telephone conversation, firing a plan of action in the Mediterranean, is also denied.—Havas.



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Saigon, To-day.

The Hong Kong soccer interport team yesterday afternoon defeated Saigon "B" by seven goals to one.

Hong Kong led by three goals to nil at half-time. Wong King-cheung and Fung King-cheung netting.

In the second half, with the Hong Kong halves dominating the game, further pressure was applied and after Lau Tau-man had netted the fourth goal, Fox did the hat-trick, giving him four goals for the game.

Tsang in goal played confidently in the early stages when Saigon adopted rush tactics, but afterwards he was seldom trouble. Fox led the line skilfully and proved a first-class opportunist.

Hong Kong fielded the following team: Sammy Tsang; Hau, Li Kwok-wai; Guy, Bright, Forrow; Yeung Shiu-yick, Fung King-cheung, Fox, Lau Tau-man and Wong King-cheung.—Our Own Correspondent.

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